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WAR CLOUDS.

KWANGSI FACTION READY TO FIGHT.

CREATING AN IMPRESSION?

Some Doubt About East River Hostilities.

REPORTED CAPTURE OF WAICHOW BY ARMY FROM CANTON.

Reliable and impartial sources still maintain that the Kwangsi armies and the Ironsides are not in contact in any part of the East River basin, so that the possibility of immediate war is not so apparent as it has been hinted to be.

Nevertheless both sides are engaged in warlike preparations which, in Kwangtung province, have often been the means of averting hostilities. One faction may be trying to impress the other by a display but without recourse to fighting.

A report has been received in Hong Kong that the Kwangsi army advancing out of Canton along the Kowloon Railway (Chinese section) has entered Waichow, an impregnable city on the East River, but this is denied by observers.

DIGGING IN.

Hong Kong's interest is not so much who is likely to win but whether war can be avoided as peace is absolutely needed if a little trade is to be done between now and China New Year (on Jan. 23) and the New Year season is to open at all auspiciously.

War clouds hanging over Canton and the control of the capital in dispute are factors which many wish not to see.

From present indications, it appears that another struggle in Canton is very unlikely; but the horizon in the East River area is by no means clear, although a clash may still be prevented by the Ironsides marching away.

In picturesque country. Trenches are being dug at the approaches to Waichow and the city on the opposite bank of the East River. Ramparts are springing up on the famous heights where many a Cantonese soldier has died a noble death. Fortifications are being built close to the city. And the commander-in-chief of the Ironsides has headquarters on one of the picturesque islands in the lake near Waichow, the beauties of which were sung by one of China's greatest bards centuries ago.

In view of their preparations to hold the place, it seems unreasonable to say that the Kwangsi army from Canton has entered into possession.

Another point is that the Ironsides may decide to cling on to Waichow instead of retiring far into the interior, as was their original intention.

Reinforcements Arrive.

Having restored their hold on Canton, General Li Chai-sum and his colleagues are bringing in units from up-country, either to reinforce the city garrison, or to make up a sufficient quota to demonstrate against the Ironsides along the East River.

News of further Red activities between Swatow and the East River effectively dispels rumours of campaigns between the Kwangsi garrison at Swatow and the Ironsides who are encamped between that garrison and Canton.

Two brigades of Kwangsi troops have gone down the West River from Shiuming towards Canton. Some local troops posted along the West River ports have also received marching orders. And the air arm of the Kwangsi army has been ordered to the East River.

Papersides' Evacuation.

Native craft were used by the Canton Papersides yesterday to convey some of their units from Honam into the districts in the West River delta.

Evacuation is by order of the Kwangsi Government under General Li Chai-sum and such an order is tantamount to a challenge to the Papersides.

It is freely reported in Canton that all the Papersides will be sent out to the delta region, after which General Li Chai-sum's own troops will take over the duty of garrisoning Honam which, of course, is that part of Canton on the south bank of the West River.

Armouries in Canton will be known again as the central

department of the 8th Route of the Nationalist Army, a name in use before the Ironsides stole into power.

PROVINCIAL UNION.

Combined opposition to Chiang Kai-shek?

That Canton will oppose Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his Government at Nanking, is the gist of a report by British Naval observers at Canton.

It is understood that General Li Chai-sum having returned to the head of the provincial administration, the province of Kwangtung and Kwangsi will join hands with the rulers of Hunan and Hupei provinces (where friends of Li Chai-sum are at present following-up the army which previously fought for the Hankow Government). It is intended, when the union is in effect, to use the Canton (Kwangtung) currency in all four provinces, the money in Hunan and Hupei being much depreciated.

FORGED DOCUMENTS.

SEQUEL TO HEARST PRESS "EXPOSURES."

MEXICO VINDICATED.

Washington, Yesterday. Handwriting experts, including three employed by Mr. Hearst himself, have testified that the documents purported to have been taken from the Mexican secret archives are spurious—Reuter's American Service.

[Cables published on November 15 and 16 stated—

"The New York American" reproduces the facsimile of a document purporting to be an order signed by the Mexican President authorising the payment of 100,000 pesos to Zepeda for the purchase of arms and ammunition for the Liberal Revolutionary Army at Nicaragua.

The Mexican Embassy describes the alleged facsimile of Mexican documents as "forgeries unworthy of comment."

The "New York American" is meantime publishing further facsimiles alleged to have been issued by President Calles for his subordinate, showing the trend of Mexican policy in regard to Nicaragua.]

FLOWING GOLD.

AMERICAN INVESTMENTS IN EUROPE.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN.

Washington, Yesterday. All peace-time records for American investments abroad were broken last year according to statistics of the Department of Commerce.

The purchases of foreign securities totaled over one and a half milliard dollars.

The Bank America countries increased their borrowings but Europe continued to be the chief borrower. Securities were provided for the purchase of the market for several British companies. Reuter's American Service.

A SORTIE.

Northerners in Shanghai.

RAID ON A GUARD.

Yang Sen And Wu Pei-fu's Proposed Combine.

Suspected to have bided their time for months during which they retained their arms, uniforms and badges, a small force of Northern soldiers broke out in those parts of Shanghai which lie in the north and south of the Settlement, under Chinese jurisdiction.

About eighty made a sortie in the southern district (either "the Chinese city" or Nantao), of whom eight were killed and three wounded. The men made a raid on a military guard, the arms of the latter being the objective.

The trouble occurred on Tuesday, following which the Chinese authorities maintained a high pitch of vigilance. — "Kung Sheung Yat Po."

NEW COMBINATION.

Rival Government on Upper Yangtze.

According to a Naval wireless message from Nanking, the news probably emanating from the headquarters of the Nationalist Government, a new political combination is being formed on the upper reaches of the Yangtze River.

General Yang Sen, whose attitude is never defined, is now believed to be opposed to the Nationalists at Hankow.

Opposed to Nationalists? Marshal Wu Pei-fu, once the leading figure of Northern China, who was crushed ignominiously last year by the Nationalists, is known to have sought refuge along the upper Yangtze.

At one time Wu Pei-fu was friendly with Yang Sen. The latter now probably requires a figurehead to add to his own prestige. Accordingly, it is surmised that Wu Pei-fu and Yang Sen will lead a new faction which may be opposed to the Nationalists.

WON & LOST.

Chiang Kai-shek's Position at Nanking.

Nanking, Yesterday. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek arrived here from Shanghai on Wednesday.—British Naval Wireless.

Lost the Pinks. Having won over the army which was expelled from Hankow by the Nanking (Nationalist) expedition, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek now seems likely to lose the votes of the "Canton political faction" in the councils of the new administration to be formed at Nanking.

The Canton faction embraces the Pinks and alleged Reds, led by Mr. Wang Ching-wei, who is now in exile. For a time it appeared that Chiang Kai-shek and the Pink-Reds would join hands to overcome the majority of the "opposition," but a cable to the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" now points to the opposite as being more likely.

Powers Defined. A chairman of the Nationalist council of War, Chiang Kai-shek will have charge of all military matters and will issue all military orders.

A good deal may depend on the fourth plenary session of the principal committees which has been put off several times.

The ex-Hankow Generals in Hunan have sided with Chiang Kai-shek because they could not come to terms with the Nationalist leaders who captured Hankow from them.

CONRUL BACK.

Sequel to Armed Forces at Nanking.

Nanking, Yesterday. After an absence of some months, the Japanese Consul at Nanking has returned here, and the Japanese flag is flying over the Consulate.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: The Japanese Consulate at Nanking, in common with other foreign buildings, came in for the attacks of the Pinks when the work of the latter was focussed on the consulates.]

CHRISTIANS DIE.

Many Executions of Chinese.

REDS ACTIVE.

Serious Report Reaches Colony From Swatow.

Swatow, Yesterday. Many Chinese Christians are reported to have been executed during the past week in the area around the Tai Sami Tui, which lies between Swatow and Swabue (Shanhai).

Not only has there been anti-Christian agitation, but Communist

SATURDAY SOCCER.

"Rover's" Review And Interport Notes.

Our soccer correspondent, "Rover," in this issue gives his usual Friday afternoon survey of the coming week-end matches and has a final word to say regarding the team selected to represent Hong Kong in Shanghai.

ists are very active.—British Naval Wireless.

(Note: Many refugees from Swatow and Shanhai are in Hong Kong. The trouble began a few months ago when the Red army under Generals Yieh Ting and Ho Lung occupied Swatow for a week. This force should not be confused with the Red Army in Canton last month. The Swatow force is now hiding in the interior. But before it was defeated it succeeded in stirring up large numbers of outlaws, peasants, etc., who are now over-running the countryside.)

Swatow is on the coast of Kwangtung province, about 200 miles east of Kwangtung. Swabue (or Shan-

RAIN COMING?

N.E. winds, fresh, fair at first, some rain later, is the official weather forecast until noon tomorrow.

The anticyclone central over N. China has strengthened slightly. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. Coast of China and over the China Sea.

mel) is between Swatow and Hong Kong. Kitshak, is a thriving market town standing at the head of the inlet referred to above.

Between Shanhai and Hong Kong lies Bias Bay. The Reds are now paramount in a wide expanse of territory which extends from the west of Swatow to Bias Bay.]

CHINESE IN RUSSIA.

ARREST OF DIPLOMAT AND OTHERS?

NO CONFIRMATION.

Peking, Yesterday. Moscow messages reaching Peking state that the Chinese Colony there is becoming alarmed following the reported arrests of the Chinese Charge d'Affaires, two Embassy officials, 30 students and 50 graduates of the Sun Yat Sen University by the Cheka, presumably as retaliation for the Canton executions.

The "Wai-chat-pu" (Foreign Office) states that it is without confirmation of the arrest of Embassy officials.—Reuter.

On the top landing are three large settees arranged along the walls, and palms and flags again take a large part in the decoration here. To the right of the top landing is a Ladies' Dressing Room furnished with dressing tables, large mirrors, etc.

The decoration of St. George's and St. Andrew's Halls and the smaller rooms upstairs was just started when the "China Mail" man arrived. Here the walls were also being hung with red and white Rose Banners, shields and flags, whilst the high up on the walls near the ceiling are nailed at regular intervals pretty scrolls bearing the names of the various English towns. All the rooms were well lighted with hanging lamps and smaller electric lights along the top of the walls, the former being shades of orange, pink and yellow.

Sitting Out. The bandstand is located in the far right corner of St. George's Hall, in the shape of a half-moon which is carried into the neighbouring room, the whole bandstand being joined by a communicating door between the two halls. Sitting-out arrangements were made on the broad verandahs, whilst one of the smaller rooms was furnished with card tables for those who prefer cards to dancing.

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ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

Getting Ready For This Evening.

THE DECORATIONS.

Interior Of City Hall Will Present Pretty Picture.

The decorating of the City Hall for the St. George's Ball was started this morning, when a small army of coolies—men and women—were busily engaged in the transformation of the building. Electric Company fitters were also to be seen at work installing lighting and heating facilities.

Work at the City Hall was not very advanced when a "China Mail" man visited the place at noon today, but from what had already been done it could be seen that the decorations for St. George's Ball this year will be of the same high standard as those seen in previous years.

Four of the five archways were closed with green laurel boughs, so that access to the Hall is only obtainable through the centre archway which leads direct to the main stairway. Stretching over the entire five archways the legend "St. George for England" in large letters is picked out in white electric bulbs.

"Old Red Lion."

Inside the hallway is lighted by three large electric lights from which hang pretty lamp shades in orange, pink and yellow material, and smaller lights along the sides. The massive stone pillars are entwined with laurel ropes, flags of the various nations drape the walls on all sides, and there is a generous supply of pot palms strewn about, which will doubtlessly be eventually arranged in tasteful order.

Immediately on entering the Hallway, the Ladies' Cloakroom is located on the right hand side, and that for the gentlemen on the opposite side. Outside the next door on the right hand side, which leads into the City Hall library is hung a large lantern with the words "Ye Old Red Lion" on it. Inside the library has been transformed into a cosy refreshment room for men, with a long bar counter and small tables and chairs strewn about the sides between the bookcases. Like the Hallway, the refreshment room is decorated with flags and some pot palms here and there.

The Supper Room.

The room opposite to the library on the other side of the Hallway is fitted out as a sort of anti-room leading into the Theatre Royal where the supper will be eaten. The anti-room is carpeted and prettily decorated with palms, flags and framed pictures hanging on the walls. Here are large settees, chairs, and two electric radiators.

The stairway leading to the dancing hall upstairs, is flanked on either side with palms in pots with coloured electric lights in between. Red carpets with white borders were being arranged on the steps. On the first landing immediately facing the steps is a large white banner with red borders and a life size figure of St. George in the centre. Along the walls are the shields of the various English counties topped by small flags. In between the shields were pretty red and white banners with red roses in the centre.

Rose Banners.

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MYSTERY OWNERS.

Claim Against Motor Vessel.

CHINESE POLITICS.

Interesting Case in Admiralty Jurisdiction.

In Admiralty Jurisdiction this morning His Honour the Chief Justice took a case which concerns a claim by a Chinese naval officer against the owners of the motor vessel "Jullin," now lying at Yaumati Typhoon Anchorage. The claim is for \$6,147.50 for necessities, including cost of structural alterations, messing costs, and wages for crew, provided.

Plaintiff is Ching Wen Hsu, now residing at the Tsung Shun Hotel, Connaught Road Central, and he is represented by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Mr. Gordon Leask. Mr. E. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. G. C. Hugh Jones is appearing for the owners of the motor vessel.

When the case was called His Lordship said he had received a letter from the Colonial Secretary, representing the Governor to the effect that the motor vessel was a public ship of the State of China and was being used for public purposes.

Mr. Alabaster said that he had not seen the letter but quoted authorities in support of his contention that his Lordship had jurisdiction.

His Lordship: There is a government in China which has been recognised. The difficulty seems to be in connection with the character of the ship.

No Government.

Counsel pointed out that at the time the indebtedness was incurred there was no Government at Peking; not until March of last year when Chang Tso-lin set up a dictatorship at Peking. The motor vessel, he added, was purchased by the plaintiff whilst he was Director of Meteorology at the Pratas Station from a Japanese firm, and the claim was in respect of reconstruction charges, messing allowances, wages, etc.

In March last the representative of one of the revolutionary armies took possession of the Pratas Station, and although vouchers and accounts had been presented to this representative, nothing had been paid. Plaintiff had therefore brought his action against the ship. An appearance had been entered by a firm of solicitors who said they represented the owners, but they did not say who the owners were, whether or not they were a recognised government.

Definite Statement.

His Lordship: My trouble is this definite statement from the Government of the Colony which deals with a matter which is an Act of State. I am told definitely this is a public ship of the State of China. Am I to go into the question of what the State of China is, or am I not bound by what this letter says?

Mr. Alabaster said the difficulty was that the other side would not say who the owners were. Eventually His Lordship agreed to take the evidence.

Plaintiff's Evidence.

Ching Wen Hsu, the plaintiff, then supported counsel's outline of the case. He said he was director of the Station at the Pratas, being appointed by the Peking Government, and as such acquired the motor vessel "Jullin." In January, 1927, there was no Chinese Government, went on plaintiff.

His Lordship: That is rather a sweeping statement.

Plaintiff then outlined the conditions of affairs in Peking in January of last year. The Chief Executive had left and the capital was under military control. The Navy Department was dissolved, but plaintiff continued as director at the Pratas Station until March last. He was claiming for necessities provided for the ship.

Nationalist Change.

The Nationalist Government at Shanghai continued plaintiff, sent down a Mr. Ho who took over the Pratas Station. Plaintiff handed to him the motor vessel as well as all receipts and vouchers. He refused to pay the amount due or to return the vouchers so this writ had been issued.

Mystery Solved.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Jenkin said he represented the National Coast Guard Administration Department of the China

LADY'S DESIGN.

For Shakespeare Memorial Theatre.

CHOSEN OUT OF 12.

Best Of Three British And Three U.S. Architects.

Rugby, Yesterday. Miss Elisabeth Scott, daughter of a Bournemouth doctor, has been chosen as architect for the new Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon to replace the theatre burned down in 1926.

Although she is only 29 years of age, her design has been considered the most suitable of six submitted by three British and three American architects, who were chosen by the assessors, from 72 original competitors.

It is described as a bold and splendid conception, in which full advantage has been taken of the exceptionally beautiful site on the banks of the Avon. Miss Scott states that her design is based on the function of building. Her idea is that anyone seeing it from outside should know that it is a theatre in which Shakespeare is being played.

More than £230,000, much of which has come from America, has been subscribed for the theatre, which will be for its size one of the finest in Britain.—British Wireless.

Seating Accommodation.

London, Yesterday.

Miss Elisabeth Scott, the 29-year-old daughter of a Bournemouth doctor, connected with famous architects and related to Sir Gilbert Scott (Secretary of the Institute of Metals and Editor of the "Journal of Proceedings") has been chosen out of 72 original competitors as architect for the new Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon, which will hold 1,000 people. She is one of the last six competitors, including three British and three American, from which selection of further designs resulted in the assessors, consisting of two Britons and one American, unanimously deciding in favour of Miss Scott.—Reuter.

GLOBE TROTTERS.

CHANGE IN THE OPENING DATE.

FIRST REVUE TUESDAY.

Attention is drawn to a special advertisement in this issue announcing that owing to unavoidable circumstances the opening date of The Globe Trotters' season at the Star Theatre has been changed from Sunday, January 8, to Tuesday, January 10. The order of the revues remains unaltered, however, the only difference being that the season begins two days later. Booking is at Messrs. Mountrie's and the Star Theatre.

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ese Government. He could not put it higher than that. This body was functioning in Shanghai.

Cross-examined, plaintiff said that in his opinion there was no government of China in January, 1927. The only government he knew was the Peking Government. Witness then described how from time to time, when he heard of the Pratas Station, he used to receive money from the Government to carry on his work. The health insurance expenditure and receipts were always made by the Government. The case is proceeding.

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21st January, 1928.

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H.M.S. "Argus"
and five Six Round Contests.

BOOKING AT MOUTRIES:
Members.—Thursday, 5th January.
General Public.—Friday and Satur-
day, 6th and 7th January.

USUAL PRICES.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

ARTILLERY CAMP CHANGES.

LATEST ORDERS.

The following orders were issued
yesterday:—

Musketry.
Sunday, January 8.
Reserve Company and Casuals
will fire Part II. Table. T. at
Stonecutters Range.

Ranger Officer: Lieut. A. M.
Thornhill.
Launch will leave Murray Pier at
9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at
9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti op-
tional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches,
braces and belt must be worn.
Arms will be drawn from Corps
Headquarters on Friday, January 6,
between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2
and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and
on Saturday, January 7, between
9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Casuals.
A large number of all ranks have
not yet fired Part II. Lists of
names are posted on Corps Notice
Boards. All such will make ar-
rangements to fire by Sunday,
January 29, the last day on which
Part II. will be fired.

Peak Range.
Applications for use of the
Peak Range for the first six
months of 1928 should be submit-
ted to the Adjutant immediately.

Corps Signals.
Parade at Corps Headquarters at
5.30 p.m. on Monday, January 9,
and Thursday, January 12 for
Signal Instruction.

Musketry Part II. will be fired at
Stonecutters Range on Sunday,
January 15.
Ranger Officer: Lieut. M. G. Noll.
Artillery Company.

Owing to unforeseen circum-
stances camp at Tai Lam will not
take place on the dates previously
arranged, but will now be held on
Sunday, January 8, and Friday,
January 13, to Sunday, January 15.

Orders for Camp:—
Sunday, Jan. 8:—Parade Kow-
loon Ferry 7.30. Drill order:
Haversack tiffin.

Friday, Jan. 13:—Parade Kow-
loon Ferry 5.30. Drill order.

Parades.
Parade at Corps Headquarters
on Thursday, January 6, and 12, at
5.25, and it is hoped that every
member will make a special point
of attending both parades in view
of the accelerated dates for camp.

The second gun is now available
and it is essential that Second Drill
is carried out before each week-end.
Engineer Company.

Field Section: Parade at Corps
Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wed-
nesday, January 11, for General
Work. All members should endeav-
our to parade and bring their test
cards.

Mounted Infantry.
Parade arranged for Tuesday,
January 10, is cancelled.

Armoured Cars.
Drivers will parade at 5.30 p.m.
at Corps Headquarters on Monday,
January 9, to complete test in stop-
pages at Kennedy Road Range.

Motor Cyclists and Armoured Car
Gun team under 2/Lieut. Hancock
for Machine Gun Instruction.
Dress: Mufti.

Musketry Part II. will be fired at
Stonecutters Range on Sunday,
January 22.

Ranger Officer: Lieut. J. Norrie-
Owen.

No. 2 Platoon.
Parade at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday,
January 10, at Corps Headquarters
for M.G. Training. Dress: mufti,
belt, rifle and bayonet. Camp pay
will be issued during this parade.

Scottish Company.
Thursday, January 12, at 5.30
p.m.

(Continued at foot of next
Column.)

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

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The following unclaimed tele-
grams are lying at the office of the
Great Northern Telegraph Com-
pany (Limited) of Denmark:—
Soguard, from Shanghai.
Russell, Kingsclere Hotel, from
Shanghai.
Marquito, from Tsingtau.
Gordon Wright, from Newcastle.
Charles Thoms, Thomas Cook
and Son, from Rochester, New
York.

James Clarke, Thomas Cook and
Son, from Boston, Massachusetts.
Clarke, care of Thomas Cook
and Son, from Yokohama.
E. V. JESSEN.
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 5th January, 1928.

The following Unclaimed Tele-
grams are lying in the E. E.
Telegraph Co. office, Hong Kong:

Corapael, from Montreal.
Daziel, Minden Avenue, Kow-
loon, from South Perth, W.A.
Lovehake, from Seattle.
Luper, from Kuching.
Mr. Jerry Oliver, British Consul
(S), from New York.
Oukelaen, Kantokuko, Sokou
Street, from Kagi.
Silva, 17 Wenglo Road, from
Saigon.
Sindocire Eastern, from London.

E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 5th January, 1928.

A CHILD'S DEATH.

KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR CAR.

INQUEST OPENS.

At the Central Magistracy
yesterday afternoon, Mr. R. E.
Lindsell and a Coroner's jury held
an inquiry into the circumstances
attending the death of a Chinese
female child who was killed on
the Praya East Reclamation, near
the Bowington Canal Bridge, as
the result of a motor accident on
the morning of December 27 last.
Lance Sergeant Choa Hing-kee
of the "Flying Squad" of the
Hong Kong Police Reserves who
arrived on the scene soon after
the accident, deposed to taking
four photographs of public motor
car No. 266 which was standing
on the reclamation facing the
harbour, a good distance from the
old praya wall. A little distance
away was an injured Chinese
woman who was being attended
to by a member of the St. John
Ambulance Brigade. He did not
see the deceased girl on the scene
of the accident.

Cause of Death.

Dr. Alexander Cannon who held
a post mortem examination on the
dead child on the morning of
December 28, said that the cause
of death was primarily fracture
of the skull and rupture of the
blood vessels to the brain, and
secondarily shock and inter-
cranial haemorrhage. The in-
juries were consistent with the
theory that the deceased had been
knocked down by a motor car.

The dead child's 15-year-old
brother gave evidence as to how
the fatality occurred. He said
that on December 27, he and his
mother, who was carrying a child
on her back, were standing on the
reclamation a few yards from the
old Praya Wall to the West of the
Bowington Canal. Witness saw
a tram proceeding at a normal
pace, followed by a motor car,
both heading in the direction of
Causeway Bay.

Near Bowington Road, a man
alighted from the tramcar and
in order to avoid him the motor
car had to swerve suddenly. It
succeeded in avoiding the man,
and passed in front of him, head-
ing straight for where witness
and his mother was standing.

Witness jumped out of the way
in time, but his mother was
struck. The car went on for an-
other fifty yards before it stop-
ped.

Of the three occupants,
one got out and ran away, whilst
the other two rendered help to
the injured woman. The police
came to the scene later and caused
his mother to be sent to hospital.

After hearing further evidence
on the accident itself Mr. Lindsell
adjourned the inquiry until Mon-
day afternoon at 2.15 p.m.

All Platoons will parade at
Platoon Headquarters for Squad
Drill with arms. Dress: Mufti,
rifle, belt and bayonet.

Musketry Part II. All those who
have not yet fired must do so on
or before Sunday, January 29.

Portuguese Co.
Parade at Corps Headquarters at
5.30 p.m. on Friday, January 6.
Dress: Mufti. Organisation, etc.,
miniature range.

Next Parade on Friday, January
13.

All ranks who have not passed
Part II. Musketry should fire at
Stonecutters Range on Sunday,
January 15. This is the last oppor-
tunity of qualifying for efficiency.

Ranger Officer: 2/Lieut. S. Jarvis,
M.C.

Strength.

The following recruits are taken
on the strength on January 4, and
posted to the Portuguese Com-
pany:—

No. 1286 Pte. J. M. da Silva.
No. 1287 Pte. A. A. da Silva.

Transfer.
The following are transferred
from the Armoured Car Company to
the A.C. Sec. of the Reserve Com-
pany, as from November 19:—

No. 505 Corpl. R. A. Wadson,
M.C.

No. 867 Pte. Ho Ki.
No. 885 Pte. M. K. Lo.
No. 886 Pte. M. W. Lo.

Exemption.
No. 1261 Gr. H. F. Sullivan,
Artillery Company, is excused all
duties as from December 29, till
return to the Colony.

Leave.
The following are granted leave
of absence from the Corps to pro-
ceed to the United Kingdom.

Major R. Melville Smith, M.B.E.,
from January 1 to December
31, 1928.

Capt. E. P. Minett, T.D., V.D.,
from January 25 to Novem-
ber 24, 1928.

No. 516 Pte. F. E. Lawrence,
Medical Sec., from February
1 to December 31, 1928.

Struck Off.
Having purchased discharge, as
from November 1, 1927:—No. 1199
Pte. A. C. Wilkinson, No. 2 Platoon.
Having completed 3 years' service
and claimed his discharge, as from
November 1, 1927:—No. 1008 Pte.
A. L. S. Read, Medical Section.

NOTICE.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.
The next monthly upon shoot
will be held at the Peak Range on
Sunday, January 8, 1928, at 9.30
a.m.

ST. DUNSTAN'S.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT ISSUED.

"WHILE MEMORY LIVES"

The title of this most human
and interesting report of St.
Dunstan's activities on behalf of
the war-blinded men of the Em-
pire seems to us particularly ap-
propriate. We must never for-
get that these men who lost
their sight in the world war are
blinded for life. However much,
and it is a great deal, that St.
Dunstan's has been able to do
for them, in re-training them to
crafts and occupations, and in
setting them up in their own
homes and businesses, they will
always be blind and so will need
constant care and supervision
of their family and business in-
terests. This outstanding fact is
strongly emphasised in the re-
port which lies before us.

The foreword states that the
reduction in the numbers of new
cases demanding St. Dunstan's
attention for training and settle-
ment has permitted a scheme of
re-organisation which will pro-
mote economy without depriving
any beneficiary of the standard
of assistance for which he has
come to rely upon the Organi-
sation. The remaining trainees
have been transferred to St.
Dunstan's establishment at
Brighton, where suitable accom-
modation has been provided for
their needs and for any new
cases which may be expected for
some years to come. The ad-
ministrative work will continue
to be done at Regent's Park, but
the lease of the large mansion
and grounds will be disposed of.

Elements of Stability.

The report points out that
these changes place St.
Dunstan's organisation on a
semi-permanent footing. "Our
training," it is stated, "is prac-
tically completed, new cases to be
expected can be more or less
accurately estimated, and over-
head charges can be approxi-
mately gauged for a term of years.
These elements of stability have
made it possible for our Council
to estimate with a fair degree of
certainty what will be St.
Dunstan's liabilities for the fu-
ture. We have established a
standard of service; we know or
can estimate the number of
blinded soldiers to be cared for;
and an actuarial calculation tells
us how long they will live. Con-
sequently we have, for the first
time in the history of St.
Dunstan's, been enabled to re-
view the whole financial position
of our Organisation over the
whole period of expectation of
life of this generation of blinded
soldiers. We have employed
Mr. R. G. Maudling, F.I.A., a
leading actuary, to make an ex-
haustive inquiry into every de-
tail of St. Dunstan's financial
position, and report to us how
much money is required in addi-
tion to the existing assets of St.
Dunstan's to ensure that our
standard of service is maintained
for the rest of our men's lives.

The following are some of the
more important and interesting
conclusions at which the actuary
arrives in his report:—1,822
blinded soldiers will still be liv-
ing in twenty years' time; in
forty years there will be 446 still
living, all of whom will be over
sixty-five years of age. To en-
dow St. Dunstan's this year,
1927, we should need to possess
a capital fund nearly three times
as large as our present assets.

Amongst other figures which we
instructed the actuary to calcu-
late was a table showing how
much money would have to be
collected during each year for
the next five, ten, fifteen and
twenty years in order to place St.
Dunstan's at the end of these
terms in a position in which it
would require no further money.
The table shows that the sum of
£145,078 a year for fifteen years
would enable the training and
settlement that still requires to
be done to be completed, our
After-Care Organisation to be
continued, and a sufficient sur-
plus set aside each year to endow
St. Dunstan's at the end of that
time.

"Masters of Their Fate."

The main descriptive pages of
the report, under the heading of
Masters of Their Fates, give
striking and deeply interesting
proof of the work which has
been done. Here are actual life
stories of some of these war-
blinded heroes. Taken entirely
at haphazard from the exactly
complete history of every St.
Dunstan's which is kept on the
files of the Organisation, mostly
they are records of amazing suc-
cess and real happiness achieved
under perhaps the greatest handi-
cap man can be called upon to
suffer. But the Report says:—
"As in every section of the com-
munity, there are stories to be
told of the men of St. Dunstan's,
which, in spite of all that could be
humanly done, reveal more of
tragedy and misfortune than of
happiness and success." It is,
however, the main justification of
St. Dunstan's existence that it

SLAVERY IN CHINA.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES AT PLYMOUTH.

MOSCOW BLAMED.

Stories of the experiences of
missionaries in China were re-
lated by members of the United
Methodist Church who reached
Plymouth on the P. and O. liner
"Malwa."

Slavery is still rampant in
China, stated one of the returned
missionaries, and young girls are
sold to the highest bidders, grossly
ill-treated, and frequently cast
adrift.

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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

AWA MARU Wednesday, 11th January.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.

GINYO MARU Monday, 6th February, 1928.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
KAMAKURA MARU Friday, 20th January.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
TATSUNO MARU Tuesday, 7th February, 1928.
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

DURBAN MARU Tuesday, 10th January.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
HAKODATE MARU Friday, 6th January.

CEYLON MARU Thursday, 19th January.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
MISHIMA MARU Friday, 20th January.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
KATORI MARU Monday, 9th January, 1928.
ADEN MARU Thursday, 12th January.

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TAJIMA MARU Friday, 13th January.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

LOCAL OBSTACLES.

HARBOUR OFFICE NOTICE TO MARINERS.

SURVEY OPERATIONS.

The following notices to mariners have been issued by the local authorities relative to obstructions to navigation in Hong Kong waters.

N. 67. Dated January 4.

Under authority conferred by Section 22 (5) of Ordinance No. 10 of 1899—it is hereby notified that on and after Monday, January 9, 1928, and until further notice dredging operations will be carried out off Tsim-sha-tui, Kowloon Point in an area bounded as follows:

North Boundary.—Lat. 22° 17'

47" N.

South Boundary.—Lat. 22° 17'

31" N.

East Boundary.—Long. 114° 10'

21" E.

West Boundary.—Long. 114° 9'

46" E.

Masters of all vessels are to proceed at a speed not greater than five knots when approaching and in the vicinity of this area and are not to pass between the dredger and her anchor buoys.

Warning is hereby given that survey operations will be carried out from time to time in connection with the dredging of this area.

Masters of vessels are warned to keep clear of all sampans, motor boats and buoys used on this work which shall each carry a red flag and to keep a good lookout for all craft so employed.

Government "Gazette" Notice No. 369 of December 9, 1927, is hereby cancelled.

No. 1 of 1928. Dated January 5.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 66 the Conical White buoy to the eastward of the Prosperine Rocks has been replaced in its charted position and the cylindrical buoy withdrawn.

JUNK PIRATED.

Capt. G. A. Cornard, master of the s.s. "Yuet On," reported yesterday that a large three-masted junk from Hong Kong was pirated yesterday morning in the neighborhood of Machoong Creek, South of the first bar, Knowles Point. The junk was towed into Machoong Creek by the pirates. Both pirate launches had peculiar tops to the funnels. One of them had no name, but the other had some Chinese characters painted on the funnel.

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LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Kwai Sang (1,485) British, from Swatow. Jardine's—7 passengers, 490 tons general cargo for Hong Kong 770 tons general (through).

Garmula (3,234) British, from Osaka, Moji. Mackinnon Mackenzie—430 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,800 tons general (through).

Myrmidon (3,062) British, from Newport, Singapore. B. & S.—6 passengers, 132 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,622 tons general (through).

Chusan (1,338) British, from Canton. B. & S.—100 tons general cargo (through).

Yingchow (1,216) British, from Shanghai, Amoy. B. & S.—27 passengers, 610 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 115 tons general (through).

Phorus (2,753) British, from Yokohama, Shanghai. Mackinnon Mackenzie—78 passengers, 4 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,800 tons general (through).

Albert Vogler (3,414) German, from Antwerp. Singapore. Johnson & Co.—13 passengers, 1,014 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,248 tons general (through).

Viminola (5,355) Italian, from Singapore. Dodwell & Co.—31 passengers, 250 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 30,000 tons general (through).

Hankajells (1,426) Norwegian, from Chinwangtao. Dodwell & Co.—2,000 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,700 tons coal (through).

Gran (1,162) Norwegian, from Canton. Thoresen & Co.

Bessa (3,662) Norwegian, from Oslo, Singapore. Thoresen & Co.—387 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,800 tons general (through).

Atlantic (2,490) Swedish, from Canton. Dodwell & Co.

Shunko Maru (5,027) Japanese, from Yokohama. Moji. O.S.K.—624 tons sugar for Hong Kong, 4,100 tons sugar (through).

Hakodate Maru (3,226) Japanese, from Kobe. Moji. N.Y.K.—501 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,606 tons general (through).

Kaijo Maru (1,126) Japanese, from Keelung, Swatow. O.S.K.—95 passengers, 1,000 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Atapogan Maru (2,487) Japanese, from Milke. M.B.K.—4,461 tons coal for Hong Kong, 100 tons coal (through).

Tak Hing (101) Chinese, from Macao. Ho Hing—65 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Wing Wo (503) Chinese, from Fort Bayard. Yui Kee—300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Chung Hing (249) Chinese, from Fort Bayard. Hong On—188 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Eng Lee (865) Chinese, from Canton. Yee Tai Hong.

Tak Hing (105) Chinese, from Autau. Fook Hoi—105 passengers, 3 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.

For Shanghai.—Paling.

For Moji.—Bandoong Maru.

For Canton.—Kwai Sang, Lushan Maru, Song Bo, Yingchow.

For Macao.—Tak Hing.

For Swatow.—Hydranges, Taming, Hal Hong, Kwok Man Hing.

For Singapore.—Yuen Sang, Garmula, Malwa, Mexico Maru, Van Heutz.

For Takao.—Myrmidon.

For Miri.—Vulcanus.

For Antau.—Tak Hing.

Clearances.

For Holhow.—Borneo.

For Keelung.—Havana Maru.

For Shanghai.—Bessa, Chusan.

Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals.	Departures.	Port.
British	7	25
Japanese	4	11
Norwegian	3	9
Chinese	5	16
Dutch	0	5
French	0	2
German	1	1
Italian	1	1
Swedish	1	1
American	0	1
Mexican	0	1
Panama	0	1
Danish	0	1
Portuguese	0	8
	22	77

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The M.V. "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Rotterdam on December 8 and is due here on or about January 12.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 31, and is due here on January 19.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. A. J. Bailey, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama at noon on January 26.

GREAT NEW LINER.

TRIUMPH OF BRITISH MARINE ENGINEERING.

London, Nov. 25.
The battle for the Blue Riband of the Atlantic has broken out again.

Atlantic liner design, since the war has been stagnant, owing partly to the necessity of absorbing into British lines the captured and surrendered German ships such as the "Homer," "Berengaria," and "Majestic," and partly to the uncertainty about the future of the large ship.

Leading shipowners in the "Daily Express," expressed doubts four years ago whether the 1,000-foot ship would ever be built.

It is now safe to foreshadow that within three years ships of 1,000 feet and 50,000 tons will be on the Trans-Atlantic route.

Three chief passenger officials of the Cunard Company's New York office arrived in London this week to advise about the decoration and fitting of a new 1,000-foot ship for that company. None of the Atlantic liners at present on service equals this size.

The three largest by European standards of measurement are the "Majestic," the "Leviathan," and the "Berengaria," which measure respectively:

"Majestic" Length. Tonnage.
915.5 ft. 56,551

"Leviathan" 907.6 ft. 59,957

"Berengaria" 883.6 ft. 52,226

It is understood that the Cunard Company are in possession of plans for a 1,000-foot, 60,000-ton ship, which will be the equal, or nearly the equal, of the record-breaking "Mauretania" in speed—that is to say, she will be a 25-knot ship.

This is a great triumph for British marine engineering, for increase of size makes increase of speed a great problem, and none of the world's large liners except the "Mauretania," does even 24 knots on regular service.

It was stated yesterday that a ship of similar dimensions had been ordered by the White Star Line to be built in Belfast.

VESSELS WRECKED.

According to the returns for the second quarter of 1927, which have been recently issued by Lloyd's Register of Shipping, the vessels of 100 tons or above totally lost or condemned in consequence of casualty or stress of weather during the period under review, were as follows:—75 steamers and motorships, with a gross tonnage of 112,240 tons, and 23 sailing ships, with a gross tonnage of 18,006 tons, which give a total of 98 vessels with a total gross tonnage of 130,246 tons. The losses incurred by owners in Great Britain and Ireland, the figures for which are included in the totals given above, were 15 steamers and motorships and two sailing ships, having a combined gross tonnage of 86,148. As regards those vessels broken up, the loss of which was not known to be in consequence of casualty or stress of weather, the figures given are 28 steamers and motorships, with a gross tonnage of 64,749 tons, and seven sailing ships, giving a total gross tonnage of 69,794 tons; out of which 10 steamers and motorships and two sailing ships, with a total gross tonnage of 29,796 tons, belonged to owners in Great Britain and Ireland.

A RAPID DISCHARGING FEAT.

The London Midland and Scottish Railway Company, recently accomplished a discharging feat worthy of note at Barrow Docks.

The s.s. "Laguna," with 2,000 tons of nitrate of soda on board, was berthed on November 10 at 12.30 p.m., and commenced unloading at 1 o'clock. 993 tons of nitrate of soda were taken from the vessel on that day, and the remainder on the 11th, and the vessel left Barrow on November 12.

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BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

SHUNKO MARU ... Friday, 6th January.

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CHICAGO MARU ... Tuesday, 31st January.

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SEATTLE MARU ... Tuesday, 24th January.

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DELTA	9,097	27th Jan.	Straits & Bombay
MALWA	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KEYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,858	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MACE DONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	9,085	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARNATA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	10,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
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NELLORE	6,858	18th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,135	3rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACE DONIA	11,120	10th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*NAGPORE	6,956	17th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KASHMIR	9,085	24th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MANTUA	10,946	25th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	3rd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*LAHORE	6,252	10th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,504	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	24th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	31st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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The German yacht "Hamburg"
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officer of the German raider
"Seeadler," arrived at Cowes to-
day after a voyage round the world
in 689 days.
Capt. Kirchheiss, in an interview,
paid a tribute to the friendly
reception he received in Colombo,
Singapore and other British places.
He said the people were extremely
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PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived from the
North by the P. & O. s.s. "Morea"
to-day were:—

Mr. and Mrs. Branham, Mr. R.
J. Brown, Mr. R. W. Rice, Mr. and
Mrs. E. Bigwood, Mr. G. Appel-
baum, Mr. K. S. Madhavsinhji, Mr.
W. R. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Stanton-
Brown, Mr. C. G. Mackie, Mr. E.
R. Baker, Mr. J. King, Mrs. H.
Dorian, Mr. E. L. Harrison, Mr.
E. H. Calthrop, Mrs. J. H. Martin,
Mrs. Lawless, Mr. A. G. Gordon,
Mr. H. Hinde, Col. S. Thunder,
Mr. P. S. Lee, Mr. S. Lan, Mr. R.
M. McLay, Mrs. Drummond, Mr.
S. P. Rizza, Mr. C. G. Haddon,
Mr. C. Shackleton, Mr. J. Gunn,
Mr. C. Champkin, Mrs. C. Faber,
Mr. L. Sun-chak, Mr. and Mrs. D.
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Mrs. J. L. Hunter, Mr. W. P.
Whyte, Mrs. M. C. Clements, Mr.
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D. Wilson, Miss M. Hunt, Mr. A.
Dairs, Mr. F. G. Roper, Mrs. E.
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Turner, L. M. Price, Cpl. H. Min-
ter, L. T. Atkinson, W. J. Barnard,
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Mr. and Mrs. F. Gregory.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers departed by the
C.P.S. "Empress of Russia" from
Hong Kong yesterday were:—

Miss M. Alarackia, Mr. A.
Ashworth, Mr. and Mrs. R. C.
Burdin, Mr. C. T. Beach, Mr. J. H.
Backhouse, Mrs. Chumie Shee, P. A.
Chin Du-ling, Mr. and Mrs. P. A.
H. Chambers, Mr. J. B. Condliffe,
Mr. and Mrs. Chan Chiu-yun, Mas-
ter Chan Po-cho, Mr. and Mrs. B.
S. Chan, Mr. Cheng Fim-nam, Mr.
Chan Yee-sam, Master Chan Kin,
Master Chan Kam, Miss Chua Yu,
Mrs. Chan Lee-shee, Miss F. U.
Chikanakoff, Mr. Cheung Ack, Mr.
and Mrs. P. K. Chi and infant,
Miss Chang She, Mr. R. E. Coxon,
Mr. L. G. Dreyfus, Mr. R. M.
Davidson, Dr. R. H. Fletcher, Mr.
and Mrs. S. T. Fing, Dr. H. R.
Friedlander, Mr. G. Giraud, Mrs.
M. Greenwell, Miss M. Gubbay,
Mrs. I. H. Geare, Mr. and Mrs. R.
Heyn, Miss A. D. Hristolinhoff,
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hall, Sister M.
Immaculata, Mr. Wm. H. Jansen,
Mr. H. Jones, Mrs. D. K. Korach,
Mr. Kwok Sook-wing, Dr. R. S.
Kwok, Mr. H. Kadoorie, Mr. P. E.
Leaver, Mr. Lo Kan, Mr. Lay Hing-
hung, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yin-long,
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Mrs. H. S. Paddock, Mr. Pon Ching-
kar, Mrs. H. Percy, Mrs. J. I.
Read, Major J. H. D. Sheppard,
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W. M. Stibbe, Mr. and Mrs. T. H.
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Miss L. Smith, Miss R. Sui, Ms
L. Sui, Mr. So Chiu-pan, Mr. J. O.
Sheppard, Mr. K. H. Theng, Mr.
Wang King-ching, Mrs. T. T. White-
Wong and infant, Miss L. Whit-
more, Master G. Whitmore, Mr.
and Mrs. Wong Chong-hoon, Mr.
T. Wen, Mr. C. Wallace, Mr. Y. C.
Woo, Mrs. Wu, Mr. and Mrs. J. W.
White, Mr. and Mrs. Wat Ho-ham,
Mr. and Mrs. G. Van Wylick and
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Soon-pin, Mr. and Mrs. T. Yama-
moto, and Mr. Vick Klang-chor.

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Destination	Steamer	Sailing
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Tiau via Swatow & Shai	KWAI SANG	Wed., 11th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Tiau via Swatow & Shai	HONGSANG	Sun., 15th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Tiau via Swatow & Shai	HONGSANG	Wed., 18th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHEONGSHING	Tues., 10th Jan., at 6 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Tues., 10th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Osaka v. Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Mon., 16th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Osaka v. Amoy, Moji & Kobe	LAISANG	Wed., 25th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Canton	CHEONGSHING	Satur., 7th Jan., at 8 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	HONGSANG	Tues., 10th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	HONGSANG	Tues., 10th Jan., at 7 a.m.
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September, which was the previous
highest total this year. The high
aggregates in October and Novem-
ber are, however, the direct result
of the coal trade dispute last year,
which held up a large amount of
work placed early in 1926, and dur-
ing the stoppage at the pits. When
the trade disorganisation had been
overcome the vessels held up were
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tively short time, and in the ordi-
nary course the majority of them
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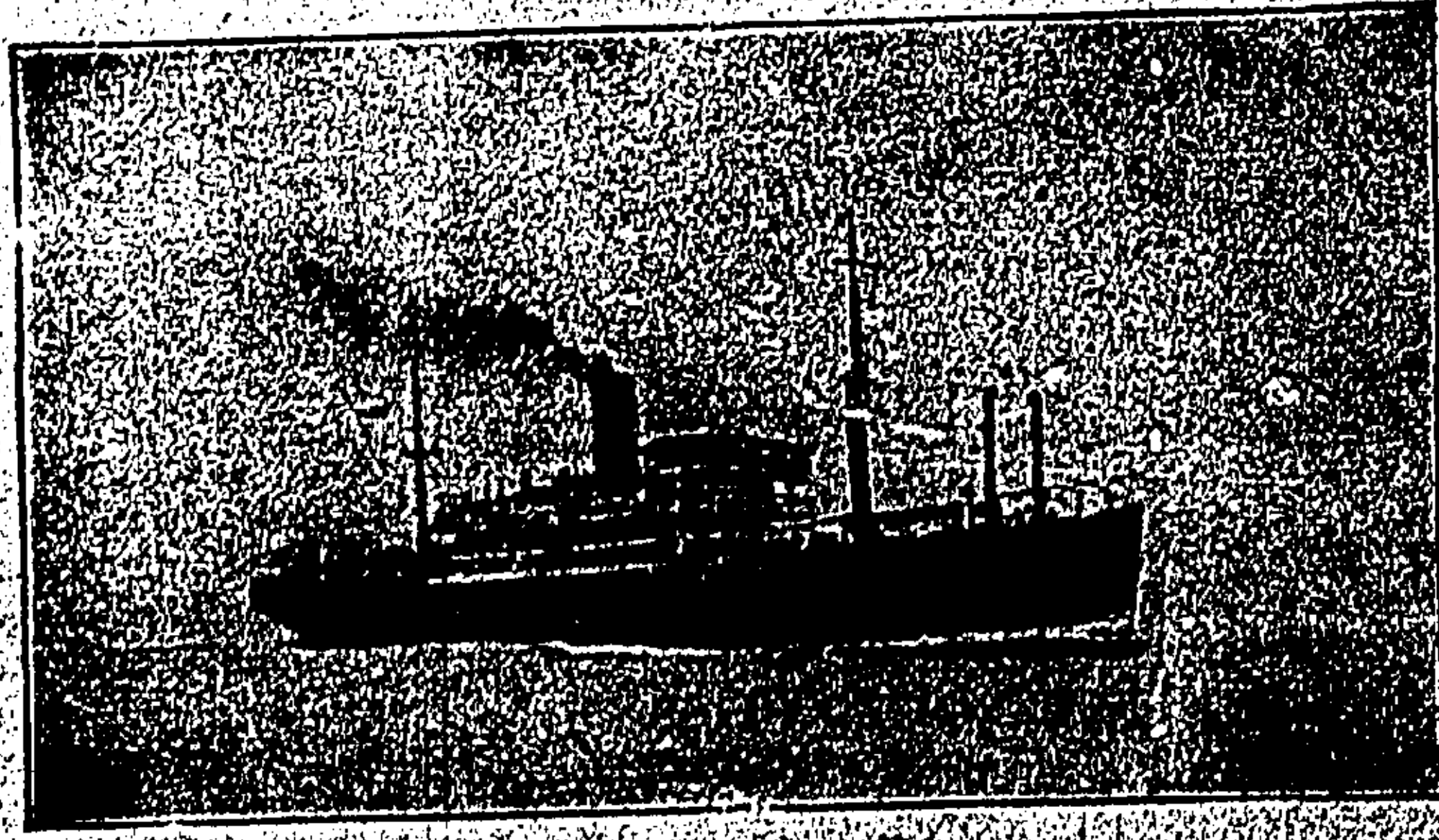
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FILMS AND FAIRNESS.

Having been examined by the House of Lords, what is known at Home as the Films Bill is now assuming its final shape. The proposed measure aims, in the words of one exponent, to secure fair play for British industry and work for British workers. Whether it will succeed in this laudable effort remains to be seen. If it only provides work for British workers it will have proved itself a boon, seeing that there are still over a million unemployed in Britain. Thoughtfully constructed and backed with financial aid from the State, there does not seem any reason why such a piece of legislation should not partially hit its objective. The optimist will tell us that in the making of motion pictures we should be second to none. Our brains, they will assert, are as fertile as any in the production of ideas, our modern literature the best being created and our stock of fiction writers amply sufficient to turn out all the plots required for our own photoplays. Added to this very satisfactory state is the fact that our actors, some of them, really possess acknowledged talent and have been called in by the big producers on the other side of the Atlantic to assist in all-American screen manufactures. This last consideration brings us to the Bill's raison d'être. In the United States the film industry is among the biggest, coming behind only such giant enterprises as the making of motor cars and the synthetic drink trade. We have been told that in America the film business permanently employs 500,000 persons and has a capital of over \$300,000,000 invested in it. It is

obvious, therefore, that financial, picture making must be a "good thing." That is one reason there is such a measure as a Films Bill now before Parliament. Not only would a thriving British industry provide much needed labour for the unemployed; it would, on the face of it, give a good return to the investor.

Hollywood's golden lure is certainly an attractive one, but it is to be hoped that it will not lead our parliamentarians into putting on the Statute Book something for which they—and others—may soon be sorry. All Governmental "boosting" is full of pitfalls, and in this connection this Films Bill savours of that Act of Parliament known as the Safeguarding of Industries Act. True in the latter case protection only is sought for established industries, but in regard to films a greater measure of official support is being asked. Government, in fact, is to be called upon—provided the Bill goes through Parliament—to set the British film industry on its feet, and experience has taught us that there is a lot to be said against State-assisted enterprise. Another point worthy of consideration at this stage is the promise of "fair treatment" which the Bill holds out to producers of British films. This may soon develop into preferential treatment. Home manufacturers, assured that a certain percentage of their pictures must be shown, will not have the incentive to give the public nothing but their best work. Second rate films produced abroad are bad enough. Second rate films produced in England would no doubt really shock us.

Ways and Means.
Children with an eye to business have wondered how the postal administrations of different countries apportion the charge (via the stamp) on each letter that passes out of domestic boundaries. Then we have the perennial story of how a missive intended for somebody round the corner took decades to reach the recipient, the street having been relaid in the interval and the hoary letter unearthed during excavation. Very often the public is at fault, mostly through incorrect or insufficient direction, or because of wilfully bad writing. The "China Mail's" attention has, however, been drawn to a parcel which was posted to a ship at Canton. The Post Office, signing themselves as obedient servants, reply to an enquiry dated Nov. 26 and say that the parcel was duly delivered on Dec. 18. What happened was that some days after the parcel had been handed in here, the ship came down to Hong Kong. Accordingly, a request was made that the parcel be returned. After

another interval, the ship went up to Amoy. Men on another ship at Canton were asked to intervene. They managed either to get the parcel from the Canton Post Office or redirected it to Amoy. At any rate, the parcel duly reached the addressee at Amoy, the latter remitting funds to Hong Kong for payment of same. That was the first intimation that the sender had that the parcel had been delivered. Then this week the Hong Kong Post Office sent the chit which has been referred to. The fault may have lain with Hong Kong, or with Canton. As it is only a few hours to Canton, there must have been some delay in the first instance. Such delay may have been unavoidable. There was the Ironsides' coup, followed by the Communists' rising, and either of these events may have been responsible. But the name of the addressee, as mentioned in the G.P.O. note, has been hopelessly mutilated, and we are inclined to think that the delay was due entirely to the habitual abbreviation of names in receipts handed out over the counter.

CHRISTIE CASE.

BLUHM GIVES HIS STORY.

A VISIT TO MANCHESTER.

Christopher Bluhm gave evidence before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon in the case in which he and James Christie are charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud Au Yeung, who, following information given to the police by Leslie Ernest Haynes, posed, on Mr. King's instructions, as a merchant from Malaya in an alleged morphia deal with the two accused.

Bluhm repeated the whole of the evidence which he had given before Mr. R. E. Lindsell when he and Christie faced a charge of undertaking to procure and supply morphia on which they were subsequently discharged. The Magistrate finding that there was no genuine offer to supply the drug, and suggested that the present charge be preferred against the two accused.

Regarding the deposit receipt for \$100,000 which was issued by the Lee Tung Bank in Swatow, Bluhm said that he personally went to the bank in Swatow with a General Tong and saw the money deposited. He was requested by Christie to go to the Bank because Christie was indisposed on that day.

Asked by Mr. Leask what was meant by the word "grafter" which witness had used in several of his letters to Christie, witness said that it meant a clever business man. In the case of the grafter referred to in his letters, it meant a certain Chinese who was interested in oil.

Passports.

Led on to the question of passport, Bluhm said he had two passports, one a Latvian document and the other issued in Canton. The latter was full of Chinese characters and he was told by the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Canton that the passport entitled foreigners to travel through British territory in China without any further visa.

No Cheating.

Christie was re-called for re-examination by Mr. Leask and said in answer to his solicitor that he had been in Manchester only once and that was when a horse of his, named Brigadier General, was entered for the Manchester November Handicap in 1919.

The horse did not start for the race because Christie was not able to get Freddie Fox, the jockey, to ride the animal, Fox having been called away to ride in the Newbury Handicap.

Witness in answer to further questions said that there had been no question of cheating anybody and, contrary to the allegation of Haynes, there was no Australian who was concerned. He did not get \$15,000 out of the Australian or any other person in Manchester. The case was adjourned.

STORAGE CHARGES.

P.O.'S DISPUTE WITH GARAGE.

JUDGE'S RULING.

In the Summary Court yesterday before His Honour Justice Wood, Puisne Judge, P.O. T. Milroy, of H.M. Submarine "L20," sued the Tai Yau Motor Co., of Whitfield Road, for the return of a motor cycle and damages.

Mr. L. D. Turner represented plaintiff while Cheng Yau, a partner, appeared for the firm. Plaintiff took the machine to the defendant firm for repairs. It was effected.

Giving evidence he said that he was presented with a bill for \$148.35, \$62.55 was for repairs, which he admitted, and \$81 for storage, which he denied. His Lordship made an order for the return of the cycle to plaintiff within 48 hours and allowed the latter \$10 damages.

A JAZZ DOG!

WEARS A MOST AMAZING COAT.

"BOLSHIE" RED!

"Gadabout" writes:—
Hong Kong has a jazz dog. It was on view this morning chained outside the door of an Indian firm in Wyndham Street.

This jazz dog is no larger than an ordinary terrier—in fact, it closely resembles a terrier in its general outlines, but it has the most amazing coat ever seen on a dog.

All the four legs and the whole of the body are a deep "Bolshie" red, with the craziest jazz markings of the brightest green and yellow. The paws, tail and ear are white with touches of brown over one eye and ear.

No, this strange animal is not a trick of vision like the well-known elephant or snake of the jester.

When I first "spotted" the jazz dog I thought it was a nightmare. I pinched myself and rubbed my eyes to make sure I was really and truly awake. When satisfied on that point, I took another look, and sure enough the extraordinary creature was in front of me. It even barked at me as, convinced that I could not be "seeing things," because I had not yet had even a wee drop at the early hour of 8.30 a.m., I approached the dog to investigate.

Closer inspection revealed that the animal was not born a jazz dog, and it got that way through no fault of its own, or of its pedigree parents. The jazz coat was a cloth one made by a thoughtful master to protect dear little Fido from pneumonia.

The master's consideration for his dumb pet is very laudable; it must be readily admitted, but why, oh why, a coat of jazz material?

A FATAL SPIN.

DEATH OF AIR FORCE MECHANIC.

DRIVER EXONERATED.

The inquiry was concluded by Mr. W. Schofield and a Coroner's jury at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon into the death of Leading Aircraftman French of the R.A.F., who was killed in a recent motor accident whilst out for a spin with Mr. Pethick on the latter's Harley-Davidson motor cycle combination.

It will be remembered that the machine struck a heap of earth piled up on the side of the road. Pethick managed to keep his seat, but when he pulled up some distance away he found that French was not in the sidecar. He was found dead at a point between the motor cycle and the obstruction.

Summing up briefly, the Coroner told the jury that they had heard the arguments of both Mr. F. H. Lossby (for the contractor repairing the road) and Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jun., (for Mr. Pethick) on behalf of their respective clients and also their expressions of regret at the death of the deceased. The Coroner would like to associate the Court with those expressions and he was sure the jury would also like to associate themselves with the remarks.

After briefly going over the occurrence, the Coroner said that the jury had to decide whether the obstruction was properly marked as well as to consider the condition of the machine and the driving capabilities of Mr. Pethick. Mr. Schofield then reviewed the evidence.

The Finding.
After retiring, the jury returned the following verdict:

We find that the deceased met his death by misadventure whilst riding in a motor cycle combination driven by Mr. Pethick and that no blame is attached to the driver for the accident.

With regard to the lights at the spot of the accident, the evidence of witnesses is conflicting and we cannot come to any definite conclusion or decision. We are of the opinion that the locality in question was insufficiently lighted. We are also of the opinion that the wooden boarding should have been extended to the full length of the pile of earth. As it was at the time of the accident, it was a danger to the public.

We find that there was no motor traffic coming in the opposite direction at the time of the accident. According to the evidence we find that Mr. Pethick's machine was in good running order. The speed driven by Mr. Pethick was reasonable, for the locality and this is borne out by Inspector Smith.

As to the capabilities of the driver, we have his own evidence only and we accept it.

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 27.—While it was being prepared for work the boiler of an engine at the Phooy Soon Mining Kong at Sungai Beal burst with a terrific explosion. The force of the explosion was such that a large piece of metal was picked up nearly 700 yards away. A Sikh watchman was struck by a flying wheel and sustained fatal injuries.

'PRAPS-PRAPS NOT!

The Nanking Government is well-known to the return of the seven "Irene" pirates, seeing that they have been executed.

"Haden't you better go and tell your master?" said the motorist to the farmer's boy, who stood looking at the load of hay upset in the lane by a collision.

"E knows," replied the boy. "Know? How can he know?" "Cos 'e's under the 'ay."

Boy: "A man had a fight on a tram I was on to-day."
Father: "Who with?"
Boy: "A conductor punched a ticket."

Scene in the gallery—"Arry, Wur's Bill? Don't see 'im nowhere."
Arriett: "Bill? Oh, 'e couldn't get in." "E swallered 'is tanner."

Wife: "No, minister; my man has never spoken an ill-tempered word to me."
Minister: "Good man! So considerate!"

Wife: "Considerate! Na; only cautious."

Movie star: "I can never marry you, Joe, but—"
He: "But what?"

She: "If you'll drop around at the studio to-morrow I'll introduce you to my double."

Royalty was paying a visit to Boshville, and the family stood at the parlour window watching the procession go by.

"Where's auntie?" asked mother, looking round and missing her sister.

"Upstairs, waving her hair," was the reply.
"Good heavens!" exclaimed mother; "can't we afford a flag?"

When the Vicar called the family were at supper. Huddled, mother put the beer bottle under the table. "Good evening," she said; "it is stormy to-night."

"Yes," replied the Vicar, "no doubt we shall get some more hail." "I don't think you will," remarked little Willie; "mother has just put it under the table."

A certain ducal member of the Peerage owed a considerable sum to a bookie, who found that the writing of polite reminders produced no result. Accordingly he decided that his assistant should make a personal call. "And be sure you say 'Your Grace' to him," were his last words before the young man departed on his errand.

In due course the emissary was ushered into the presence of the Duke. Holding his cap in his hands and closing his eyes, the bookie's man said:—"For what I am about to receive may I be truly thankful."

Customer: "Can you give me something to stop the development of a cold?"

Chemist: "Certainly; I can recommend this as an unfailing remedy."

Wife: "It's nearly six weeks new since baby was born. Have you told the registrar yet?"

Husband: "If the registrar lives anywhere within five miles from here he knows already."

Two old ladies were attending Church service when one noticed that the other always bowed at the name of Satan. At the end of the service she said: "Whatever made you bow at the name of Satan?"

"Well," answered the other, "civility is cheap enough, and you never know."

Seeing his friend Jones running down the street, Smith asked the reason, and was told he was going for the doctor. Asked the trouble, Jones said he did not like the look of his wife.

"Oh!" replied Smith. "I'll come with you. I hate the very sight of mine."

It was the beginning of the new term at school. One boy told the teacher his new address. After entering it in her book, the teacher said:—

"Now, are there any other boys or girls who have changed their addresses?"

Little Willie Hardup's hand went up. "Please, teacher, I heard mother say we'd be in 'Queer Street' next week, but I don't know the number yet."

An anxious father got wind of the rumour that his son was leading a rather convivial life at college. But the son strenuously denied the charge in letters to his father. Still unsatisfied, the father made an unexpected visit to his son's lodging place, and, giving the bell a pull, was met by a grim-faced landlady.

"Does Mr. James Smith live here?" asked the father.

"He does," replied the landlady; "bring him in."

ALLOWED OUT.

ECHO OF GAS THEFT CASE.

PRISONER'S INFORMATION.

A. A. Remedios who was a week ago sentenced to four weeks' hard labour in connection with the Gas Company case, was again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sen., Remedios's solicitor, made an application to the Magistrate for prisoner's temporary release from jail until Monday morning for reasons as stated by Counsel to the Magistrate in chambers. If the reasons should fructify in the meantime, Counsel would appear in Court again on Monday to address his Worship on the subject of mitigation of the sentence which had been passed on Remedios.

Counsel also asked that Remedios be given bail during the period of his release from jail. He said that \$200 could be raised, and suggested that the Magistrate fix bail at that sum.

Mr. Lindsell said that he understood that the application was to the effect that during his release from jail the prisoner would take action to induce the complainants in the case to ask him (his Worship) to remit the sentence already imposed on the prisoner.

\$250 Bail.

Mr. d'Almada agreed and said that if Remedios were allowed out on bail, and if he were able to give the information which the prosecution required, Counsel would himself take Remedios round to the prosecutors and arrange the matter.

The Magistrate agreed to remand Remedios in police custody until 10 a.m., on January 9, and fixed bail in the sum of \$250.

Mr. d'Almada asked if his personal bond would suffice, and Mr. Lindsell agreed to accept it. Bail was accordingly ordered to be in one security of \$250.

The bail bond was duly executed by Mr. d'Almada and Remedios left the Court building in the company of his wife and solicitor.

WIRE STEALERS.

ELECTRIC CO. WORKMEN JAILED.

ONE DISCHARGED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, a Chinese linesman and two coolies employed by the Hong Kong Electric Company were charged with the theft of 82 coils of new electric wire worth \$84, the property of the Company.

A street coolie was arrested by the police in Catchick Street, Kennedy Town, soon after noon yesterday carrying a sack in which the wire was found. The three accused, who were following behind, were also taken into custody on information given by the coolie, who stated that the second accused had engaged him to carry the sack.

First accused admitted the theft of the wire, but the other two pleaded "not guilty." No 2 said that No. 1 was the linesman and therefore he had to obey him when he was ordered to go to fetch a coolie to carry the wire to a certain godown in Kennedy Town.

Mr. Lindsell: I suppose if he asked you to commit suicide, to cut your own throat you would obey him also?—No reply.

Mr. Guy Hailey of the Electric Company's Sub-Station in Kennedy Town, said that the Company was at present engaged in replacing the old braided wires with new rubber coated ones, and the three accused, whom he recognised as employed by the Company, were engaged on the job. The new copper wire, the witness said, was very valuable. He had no difficulty in identifying the wire because his Company alone used wire of that size in Hong Kong.

As scrap metal the wire was only worth 30 cents per pound, but in its new condition it was worth to the Company 60 cents per pound. This the witness explained was because of the rubber coating which is worth more than \$1 per yard, and which the accused had stripped from the wire.

The witness also stated that the new wire was stolen because of the careful check kept on the old ones which had to be returned to store. The new wire was issued on a rough estimate which was always expected that some of the new wire would be returned to the store, but there had been a suspicion for some time that the workmen were not returning all the unused new wire.

The Magistrate decided that there was no evidence against the third accused and discharged him. The linesman who had been two years with the Electric Company was sentenced to three months' hard labour, and the other coolie to six weeks.

WARNING TO JAPAN.

RESOLUTIONS OF CHINESE CHAMBERS.

NATIONALIST ECONOMY.

The following reports of the National Convention of Chinese Associated Chambers of Commerce are again belated, through no fault of ours, but as the official statement of the proceedings they are of extreme interest.

The sixth day (Sunday) session of the Convention was mainly occupied with discussions leading to the passing of the following resolutions:—

(a) That a circular telegram be despatched for offering to Japan the friendly warning that in view of the persistent rumour that Japanese troops will again be despatched to Shantung, the merchants wish to lodge a vigorous protest against such a measure which under the pretext of protecting Japanese traders is considered an attempt to interfere with the speedy advance of the Nationalist Forces.

A Check on Expenditure. (b) That representations be made to the Nationalist Government for facilities to enable the people to administer an effective check on the disbursements of the government in view of the heavy financial obligations which the people assume in the matter of subscribing to National Loan Bonds, and that the government be petitioned to reduce the taxation to a lower level than what prevailed in pre-Nationalist regime days.

(c) That special efforts be made to consolidate that position of the merchants for collective action, and that to this end the co-operation of the Chinese overseas be secured at all cost.

In the morning the delegates visited the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co. works and in the evening were entertained by the Nanyang Brothers at a banquet held at the Oriental Hotel.

The seventh day (Monday) session of the convention was taken up with the discussion of various problems having to do with vexatious and oppressive taxation which weighs heavily on the shoulders of the people, resulting in the passing of the following resolutions:—

(1) That the Government be petitioned to abolish oppressive taxes, especially where the taxes are exempted in the case of foreign traders.

Farming Out Taxes. (2) That the custom of giving a tenderer the monopoly of disposing of fixed amount of stamp tax be abolished inasmuch as it drives the monopolist to introduce the stamp tax where it is not payable.

(3) That the Government be petitioned to convene a National Citizens' Convention as soon as possible so that the merchants will have exceptional opportunities for making their troubles known and obtaining thereby the needed relief.

(4) That all former mandates in which strife between capital and labour was countenanced (as in Wu-Han when "Reds" were predominant) should be abolished and new plans devised for bringing the two elements together.

(5) That all shop assistants should have unions of their own apart and distinct from the Labour Union which should not be allowed to demand the enrolment of the employees of business firms.

In the morning the delegates visited the Department of Public Safety (the Police Department) and the Department of Land of the Special Municipality of Greater Shanghai, and in the evening were entertained by the China Vocational Educational Institute at a banquet held at the Yih Ping Shang Hotel at which much emphasis was laid in the course of the speech-making on the importance of vocational education in China and the good work done by the Institute along this line.

The Next Executive Committee. The eighth day (Tuesday) session was in the first place devoted to the formal assumption of office on the part of the Executive Committee and the Supervisory Committee appointed by election which took place at the previous day's session. Each member serving on the committees was bound by oath to fulfil his obligations in a most exacting and conscientious manner.

The total membership of the Executive Committee is composed of 27 persons. The total membership of the Supervisory Committee is composed of 13 persons whose names follow:—

Tseng Hsue-shan, Wang Chieh-an, Shen Tien-hsin, Liu Wei-wen, Wu Lien-tang, Chang Mu-sheng, Li Tien-pao, Li Liang-ching, Ma O-tsu (H. Y. Moh), Chou Pa-ang, Ku Wei-jen, Wang Fe-chia and Chu Ch'u-liang.

Confiscated Loan Bonds. Of the business transacted at the

CINEMA NOTES.

"KID BOOTS" AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

A BRISK NEW COMEDY.

The new picture at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow is "Kid Boots," a brisk comedy with Eddie Cantor in the leading role. Although one of the stage's great comedians for years, "Kid Boots" is Cantor's first film. Cantor is introduced as a comic assistant in a second-hand clothes shop. Through a rapid series of incidents he becomes involved in a chase with Malcolm Waite. The latter's enemies increase when both find themselves rivals for the hand of entrancing Clara Bow. Then, what seems a fortunate meeting with Lawrence Gray leads Eddie into a tangle of trouble. Gray, heir to a large fortune, is endeavouring to escape from Natalie Kingston who has tricked him into a marriage. With Cantor's aid, he temporarily succeeds in eluding pursuit. Gray and Cantor go to a suburban golf club—Larry posing as a professional and Eddie as his caddy. What follows reaches a thrilling climax in an extremely funny situation. "Kid Boots" has been adapted from Ziegfeld's musical comedy success of the same name which ran for three years in New York, and besides the featured players it presents a whole host of bathing beauties.

COCAINE IN FRANCE.

ALARMING INCREASE IN USE AMONG STUDENTS.

STRINGENCY DEMANDED.

Paris, Nov. 25. The alarming increase in the use of cocaine has led to a demand that stringent steps should be taken against it. Yesterday another young man who had attended a cocaine party was found dead in his room, whilst his companions had to be taken to hospital in a desperate condition. There are not yet so many drug maniacs as there are alcoholics because cocaine is beyond the reach of the labourer. But among young students—the future doctors, lawyers, engineers, and writers of France—the craving is spreading with alarming rapidity. Only a few days ago a number of young members of families well known in Parisian society were arrested by a detective. Their names were kept secret.

The Arab vendor of Oriental carpets, the Chinese hawk with his armful of cheap pearl necklaces, the man selling hot roasted chestnuts is often known to be an agent of merchants who spend most of their time in the express between Paris and Berlin. In 1921 3,400 kilograms (7,440 lbs.) of opium was consumed in France. Four years later 27,300 kilograms (60,330 lbs.) was consumed. Statistics recently published on alcoholism in France are also disquieting.

above session mention may be made of the following items:—

(1) A circular letter is to be sent to the various Chambers of Commerce recommending active participation in the coming exhibition of Chinese products at Chile and Argentine of South America.

(2) A petition is to be sent to the Nationalist Government asking that instructions be given to the authorities at Kwangtung to restore to the merchants Government Loan Bonds to the amount of \$10,000,000.

(3) The Nationalist Government is to be asked to leave in the hands of the Chambers of Commerce the task of establishing commercial museums instead of delegating the work to the Department of Reconstruction.

(4) The Nationalist Government is to be asked to cut out all forms of oppressive or duplicative taxation which results in making the burden heavier than it has been during the 1926 militarist regime.

(5) The Nationalist Government is to be asked to hold over the registration to be effected by the Ministry of Industry.

(6) A special petition is to be sent to the Nationalist Government pointing out that coercion has been used in imposing unbearable hardship on the capitalists in the Wu-Han area by making them submit to the one-sided terms dictated by Communist agitators in favour of the employees in business firms and the workers in the factories, and that the acceptance of these terms has been a great blow to the advancement of trade, and in some cases the blow has been fatal. The Government will be asked to have all these unilateral rulings nullified.

In the morning the delegates visited the Sola Company works at Chingyun Road, Chapei, where thermos bottles and electric lamp shades are manufactured entirely under overseas Chinese auspices. In the evening the delegates were entertained to dinner at the Great Eastern Hotel.

THE KUOMINTANG.

SOLDIERS RULE THE ROOST.

CIVILIANS WEAK.

The Executive Committee of that much disrupted body, the Kuomintang, having decided that the time has arrived for "the establishment of a true Nationalist Government" in China, prominent politicians belonging to the various elements comprising the Southern party are assembling in Shanghai to endeavour to settle their differences and start all over again. The idea of the Conference, originated in Canton exactly a month ago, with Wang Ching-wei former chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Wuhan Government, T. V. Soong, former Minister of Finance at Canton and Hankow; Chen Kung-po, a prominent member of the party; and Li Chai-sum, former subordinate of General Chiang Kai-shek. However, the kaleidoscope of Chinese affairs has undergone considerable changes since. The differences between the various factions have widened, if anything, new elements have emerged upon the scene, and some of the originators of the Conference themselves have had their wings clipped since they set out.

The hopes of a successful issue from the conference cannot be said to be rosy. Until Li Chai-sum left Canton he was the controlling military factor. No sooner, however, had he been enticed away to attend the Kuomintang conference, leaving everything secure for his return, as he thought, than the power he wielded in Kwangtung as a moderate was usurped by his "Red" rival, Chang Fat-kwai. Indeed, although many politicians are still leaving Canton for Shanghai, it is considered unlikely that any of the originators of the gathering will receive much support. So much for the Canton Nationalists; now for the Nanking lot. Any hope the latter had of solidarity in their ranks has vanished, following the occupation of Hankow. The Military pressure on that strategic centre was successful in that it cleared the "Independent" Tang She-chi out of the way, but a foreseen contingency has happened there. The successful generals, Ho Chien and Chen Chien, the latter notorious as author of the Nanking outrages in March last, are now themselves at loggerheads and neither accepts the dictation of Nanking. The chief cause of disagreement lies in the personal ambitions of the generals to collect all available funds for their own war chests without permitting them to trickle down the Yangtze to Nanking. The removal of the Finance Minister appointed by Nanking was the first indication that Nanking received that all was not well. Altogether there are at least six factions within the Nationalist party, and their differences being so marked, it may safely be hazarded that the Executive Committee of the Kuomintang will find the task of bringing them together a difficult one. The real trouble, of course, is the old question of militarism, the civilian element not yet being sufficiently strong to prevent the generals from overriding the civilian authority.

As "The Times" Peking correspondent puts it, "The Nationalist politicians have lost control—not that they ever really had it—and the soldiers rule the roost as ruthlessly as any northern militarist does."—China Express & Telegraph.

LEAGUE COUNCIL.

CHINESE PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION.

The Chinese Minister in Paris, Mr. Tchong-Loh, who as Chinese representative is to preside at the forthcoming session of the Council of the League of Nations at Geneva, told a representative of the "Temps" in an interview on Nov. 28 how he proposed to try to the best of his "modest capacities" to show himself worthy of the honour bestowed on him. The Minister declares that he counts on the effective collaboration of his eminent colleagues with their detailed knowledge of the delicate questions on the Agenda to help him to solve them successfully in perfect impartiality. Mr. Tchong-Loh added that he was fully alive to the difficulty of his task, but he could not shirk his duty, not only because he was one of the most ardent supporters of the League, but because China could not fail to answer the call.

Mr. Tchong-Loh, besides presiding over the December session of the Council of the League of Nations, will attend the meetings of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, assisted by Mr. Chuan Chao, Head of the Chinese Secretariat to the League of Nations.

China succeeds to the chair by what may be called alphabetical right, but as she is still in default with her contributions to the League it was thought that she would prefer to waive this, for the time at least. The Chinese Government takes a different view.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—St. George's Ball, City Hall.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Kid Boots."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Eagle."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Show Off."

January 8-9—Queen's Theatre; "Cheating Cheaters."

January 8-9—World Theatre; "Miss Bluebeard," at 5.15 & 9.20.

"Nar Jar" (Chinese Film) at 2.30 & 7.15.

January 8-9—Star Theatre; "Tin Hats."

January 10-11—Queen's Theatre; "Beau Geste."

January 10-11—World Theatre; "A Thief in Paradise," at 5.15 & 9.20.

"Nar Jar" (Chinese Film), at 2.30 & 7.15.

January 10-11—Star Theatre; "The Rainmaker."

January 12-14—Queen's Theatre; "The Fire Brigade."

January 12-14—World Theatre; "The Taxi Dancer."

January 12-14—Star Theatre; "Satan in Sabes."

January 10—Star Theatre; The Globe Trotters in "Happy Moments."

January 11—Star Theatre; The Globe Trotters in "Scenes and Screens."

January 12-13—Star Theatre, The Globe Trotters in "Pleasureland."

January 14-15—Star Theatre, The Globe Trotters in "Incidents."

January 12—Helen May Institute Concert, 5.30 p.m.

Sports.

January 7—Third Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, Lee Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

January 8—H.K.V.D.C. Monthly spoon shoot at Peak Range, 9.30 p.m.

January 13—Annual Billiard Championship of St. Peter's Y.M. Club.

January 14—Entries close for forthcoming Annual Race Meeting, 3 p.m.

January 21—China New Year meeting (Fanning Hunt), Kwantai Race Course.

Lammerts Auction.

January 10—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

January 9—General meeting of shareholders, Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd., noon.

January 13—Annual meeting of St. David's Society, Prince's Building, 5.30 p.m.

January 27—Annual meeting of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, 8.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

January 9—Re-opening of Central British School.

January 9—St. Peter's C.Y.M. Club's lecture, by Mr. J. D. Bush, on "The Spirit of America," 8.30 p.m.

January 10—St. Peter's C.Y.M. Club dance in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.45 p.m.

January 13—H.E. The Governor distributes prizes at Queen's College.

January 16—Debate in St. Peter's Y.M. Club House, 8.30 p.m.

January 22—Opening date of Photographic & Art Exhibition at Macao.

EX-KAISER HAGGLES.

ROYAL DOMAIN OFFICIALS SEEK AID OF COURTS.

DISSATISFIED EMPLOYEES.

Berlin, Nov. 25.

The ex-Kaiser has been haggling over the salaries of those whom he still calls his royal domain officials. "Vorwaerts" to-day publishes the details of the negotiations for their full pay, which his dissatisfied employees have had to bring before the law courts. Before the war their salaries and pensions were higher than those of other State officials. In 1920 they found themselves faced with a diminution of their salaries. They petitioned, but the matter remained unsettled in view of an approaching compromise between Prussia and the Hohenzollerns over the estates.

As a result of this compromise one section of the domain officials became State officials and the rest remained in the private service of William II. The ex-Kaiser then refused to pay the surplus for the several years gone by. When the officials took the matter into the civil courts the wily ex-Kaiser replied by reminding them that in 1872 an Order of Cabinet had proclaimed that "no official had the right to claim that his salary should be placed on a higher grade." But he ignored another Cabinet Order which favoured their case. The hearing, which was due yesterday, has been postponed.

If it should happen that you come across an obstinate nut, do not endeavour to increase the leverage of the spanner by slipping a piece of pipe over the end. Spanners are always made to the length necessary for their use, and extension will simply cause them to become spring. The correct way to start a nut when the spanner is not equal to the job, is to tap it with a small hammer.

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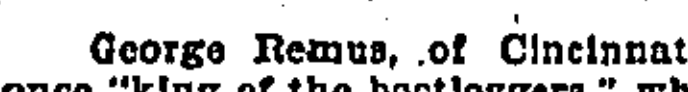
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SATURDAY SOCCER.

Club Meeting Queen's Regiment.

BIG KOWLOON GAMES.

Last Look Over The Interport Side.

[By "Rover"]

Hong Kong League Division I, kick off 4.00 p.m.

Hong Kong Club v. Queen's Regt., Club Ground, Valley.

Police v. Chinese Athletic, King's Park, Recreio Ground.

K.O.S.B. v. Kowloon, Sookumpoo.

South China v. Scots Guards, South China Ground, Valley.

R.A. v. Recreio, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

Hong Kong Junior League Division "A," kick off 2.30.

South China "B" v. Kowloon, Chatham Road.

R.A. v. South China, South China Ground, Valley.

Club Reserves v. University Club Ground.

Recreio Res. v. Chinese Athletic, Recreio Ground, King's Park.

K.O.S.B. Res. v. St. Joseph's, Sookumpoo.

Hong Kong Junior League Division "B," kick off 2.30 & 4.00 p.m.

St. Joseph's v. Kung Woo, St. Joseph's Ground, Valley, 2.30 p.m.

Chinese Athletic v. South China "B," St. Joseph's Ground, Valley, 4.00 p.m.

Boy Scouts v. Moslems, Kowloon A.F.C. Ground, 2.30.

South China "A" v. Kowloon, Kowloon A.F.C. Ground, 4.00 p.m.

With three good Senior matches at Hong Kong and two at Kowloon the programme for Saturday is a very interesting one, and at the time of writing the attractive item on the card is the second match between the Police and Chinese Athletic, the League Champions facing one of their rare visits to Kowloon where all attendances at the Recreio ground should easily be beaten.

Although form points to a win for the Athletic, I like the Police team, which will probably take the field, as Hudson will lead the forwards and Tom Pile will do his best for his new Club on the wing, and with Sherry back again in the defence the Chinese Athletic will have to draw out their very best to get two points from this match. I hope the match will be played as arranged and that precautions are taken to control the crowd as this will be the titbit of the afternoon's sport at Kowloon.

The Recreio are due at Chatham Road against the R.A. and with two players in the Interport side and two others amongst the Reserves, Recreio will be expected to turn the tide of bad luck which they have lately encountered and add two points to their record. They should do it with a full side and it is hoped that all the Interport selections will be on view in this match, then we can look to Leech, Pulford and company to thoroughly extend them.

At Hong Kong the Club supporters will have the very rare spectacle of the Club sides on the Home ground, and with such worthy opponents as the Queen's Regiment for the first XI and the University for the second XI, both the former matches having resulted in defeats for the Club, the spectators attending this match should have a good afternoon's sport.

I think the Queen's are still a bit too good for the Club, but the latter have one or two dieters in the team who will do their best to upset this forecast. As regards the Reserve game we are promised a full side by Captain Purves, which if this happens should mean that the Club Reserves should get two points and a good start off for the Shield.

The Scots Guards should beat South China with a little bit to spare, and if the sports do not spoil this game there is likely to be some lively work. The Scots Guards as a team very like. With no outstanding players of exceptional merit, yet they are all, down to the eleventh man a good sound team and develop the Scotch game. I shall be very pleased if Aird reappears at any time in the near future, as it's not in the best interests of sport that a player of his ability should be absent from the sides.

Perhaps with McNeven away at Shanghai, Aird may reappear for the Regiment if so football enthusiasts will welcome the return of a sound half-back.

At Sookumpoo the meeting of Kowloon and the K.O.S.B. Regiment should produce an unusually good game. Although Kowloon are not getting goals, they play good snappy football, and go down trying all the time. McKelvie is back and will certainly be out, as he has shown all his old form in a practice run, and although Northey is a very doubtful starter Kowloon will give the Borderers a good game. If the Borderers are now getting into their stride properly as in recent games. Campbell, McClintch, Alexander and Everest have jumped along into top form and are playing like they did last year when the K.O.S.B. had such a successful season. The Borderers should bag the points, but the ground will suit Kowloon and anything may happen in this game.

Chief interest in the Junior programme centres in the meeting of the K.O.S.B. Res. and St. Joseph's and here I expect St. Joseph's to try the Borderers Reserves right out. The Regiment should win, but St. Joseph's with their mingling of Service and Civilian players are a very clever combination, and this Junior game will be worth going a long way to see. Kowloon Reserves should beat South China "B," and R.A. should beat South China "A."

while Recreio and Chinese Athletic at King's Park owing to local rivalry should fill the ground before the Senior match starts. Chinese Athletic should still further increase their record of League points in Division B.

The Interport Team has been selected and the Committee are now quite prepared to stand back and stop the bricks, but really when all points are weighed up there is very little fault to be found with the final selection. Service players other than the three selected, will appreciate that they are out of the question owing to the interport by-laws, and Vernon, Leech and McClintchey cannot be regarded as inferior to the Reserves selected for the matter of that to the actual team selected in all cases, the Committee having the very difficult task of selecting three Service players who could best fit in with the Interport Team.

There will be criticism over the preference of Alexander to Chen, and Remedios to McBride or Everest and McNiven to Vernon or Northey, but each of the players mentioned is capable of playing a big game on his day and also having an off one. Remedios certainly is not this season the Remedios of old, but he is a younger player and a real good worker, and the match against Shanghai may be his big chance. Still should I should certainly advise playing McBride for the Recreio player.

The Reserves are certainly subject to criticism in one instance viz. Rocha. I wonder how many Recreio supporters would prefer Rocha to Silva, even if the latter player was off his game. Herein without some reason for this selection, I think the Committee are open to criticism, which is not so bad really as it is very improbable the Reserve forward will be required.

The team as a whole is a very capable side, and I hope later to outline a Rest XI which will be capable of extending the Interport team on the 14th inst at the Valley to the fullest.

LOCAL GOLF.

DRAW FOR CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The draw for the Captain's Cup (1927) on the Ladies' Section is as follows:—

Byes: Mrs. Piercy, Mrs. Drevard, Mrs. Hornell.

Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Whyte-Smith.

Byes: Mrs. Dodwell, Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Stevenson.

The 1st round is to be completed by January 23, the 2nd by February 6, the semi-final by February 20 and the final round by March 5.

BOXING.

HOW PHIL SCOTT BEAT MONTE MUNN.

The critics are confounded. All the talk about Britain retaining the horizontal boxing championship has been thrown back in their faces. Phil Scott, the British heavy-weight champion, fighting under the stigma of "horizontal" champion in ten rounds here outboxed and outpointed the 16st, Nebraska pugilist-lawyer, Monte Munn, battering him blow by blow, and round by round into complete submission and finally delivering the coup de grace eight seconds from the finish.

It was a convincing victory in which Munn, who is believed to be the only prize fighter holding a Bachelor of Arts degree, was on the losing side from the start. From the moment Scott struck out his long left at the sound of the first gong until he overwhelmed his opponent with the rain of blows which finished the fight, Munn was almost always on the defensive. That persistent probing left hand, which rarely hitting hard enough to hurt, tickled and goaded all his science out of him, so that he became merely a wild swinger whose blows spent themselves for the most part in empty space.

The Right Hon. Mr. Scott fought under orders and fought well. Using his left with

LOCAL CRICKET.

ARMY DEFEAT ROYAL NAVY.

KEEN PLAY.

The Army won the triangular tournament yesterday by defeating the Royal Navy by 48 runs. When play resumed yesterday the Army had lost two of their second innings wickets for 55 runs. They went on to make 256, Leach scoring a capital 89. The Navy, who compiled 146 at their first venture, could only put together 168 second time at bat, and lost as stated above.

Second innings details:—
The Army.
Moss, b Wood 16
Bevis, run out 14
Newberry, l.b.w., Dale 18
Tyringham, c Dale, b Burroughs 23
Erskine, c Shaw, b Dale 31
Wood, c Dale, b Thomson 8
Leach, c Thomson, b Shaw 89
Miles, c Cecil, b Dale 10
Lake, not out 7
Gifford, b Shaw 0
Morris, absent hurt 0
Extras 21

Total 236
Fall of wickets: 1 for 19, 2 for 44; 3 for 55; 4 for 67; 5 for 83; 6 for 155; 7 for 212; 8 for 234; 9 for 256.

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Dale 19. 1. 65. 3
Wood 16. 4. 53. 1
Thomson 24. 4. 76. 1
Burroughs 7. 4. 10. 1
Gardner 1. 0. 5. 0
Shaw 1.3. 0. 6. 2

Royal Navy.
Venn, c Leach, b Erskine 7
Salter, b Erskine 3
Cecil, c Leach, b Gifford 1
Hunt, c Gifford, b Newberry 39
Dale, c Miles, b Newberry 25
Davies, b Miles 0
Shaw, b Erskine 59
Thomson, b Lake 7
Gardner, c Newberry, b Erskine 13
Wood, not out 0
Burroughs, b Erskine 0
Extras 13

Total 168
Fall of wickets: 1 for 8; 2 for 11; 3 for 14; 4 for 78; 5 for 81; 6 for 91; 7 for 128; 8 for 158; 9 for 168; 10 for 168.

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Erskine 12. 2. 39. 5
Gifford 7. 1. 22. 1
Miles 6. 0. 38. 1
Newberry 4. 0. 31. 2
Leach 2. 0. 12. 0
Lake 4. 1. 12. 1

C.S. v. H.K.C.C.

Playing on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground the Civil Service 2nd XI will meet the Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI tomorrow at 2 p.m. The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club: W. Griffin, J. Hall, J. E. Hancock, W. K. Tait, J. N. Owen, C. P. James, J. A. Summers, A. H. Gillingham, J. D. H. Crawford and H. J. Armstrong.

great restraint but always maintaining it in an aggressive position, he constantly employed his right for punishment, landing with hooks, swings jabs, and upper-cuts as opportunity presented itself and piled up the points steadily in each round.

In the fourth round he opened a cut over Munn's left eye which handicapped the Nebraska more and more, and there never was any doubt about the latter's ultimate defeat.

"I did not let the British public down," were Scott's first words after his victory. He was as jubilant this time as he was despondent after the Hansen fight, and added: "I'm so happy that I have been able to justify myself."

His manager stated that Scott would now fight Johnny Risko. Risko was beaten by Tom Heeny some time ago, but last week he "came back" with a victory over Paulino Uezudun.

Moody's Injured Eye.

Frank Moody, winner of the light-heavy-weight championship at the National Sporting Club, London, had his left eye heavily bandaged.

But the injury is not serious. The eyelid was cut and will take some days to heal properly, but the sight is not impaired. The statement that Moody will be unable to box for some months because of this hurt is exaggerated.

Boxing Items.

Achie Bell, the American bantam-weight champion, meets Kid Francis in an eight-rounds contest at Madison Square Garden. If Bell wins he will probably be matched with Willie Smith, the South African, and conqueror of Teddy Baldock.

Jack Humbeck, the Belgian heavy-weight and protégé of Tommy Burns, was beaten on points by Dekub, the Italian heavy-weight, in a ten rounds contest in New York, states the British United Press. Reuters' Toronto correspondent states that "Frenchy" Balaguer, the Canadian fly-weight champion, defeated Frankie White in a ten rounds bout at Winnipeg. A ten rounds bout at Winnipeg meets Emilia Segre, of France, in a 10 rounds contest at 11st. 8lb. at Fulham Baths.

"BIG BILL."

HIS ANTI-BRITISH CAMPAIGN.

"A TROUBLESOME NOTE."

The campaign of Mr. William Thompson, the Mayor of Chicago, against Britain and King George has not been taken very seriously this side of the Atlantic. Even the suggested burning of the books given by Queen Victoria to the Chicago Library has aroused feelings of pity rather than resentment, for it is realised that it is the policy of an individual and a small section of the American community.

"It is a strain," says the "New York World," "on our sense of humour to know that when a political gang wants to lay its hands on the contracts and jobs in a school system, the way to go about it is to stir up as much hatred as possible against a foreign government. It is alarming to know that political morals and political mentality are low enough anywhere to tolerate such clownish knavery."

"The theory that education is gradually preparing us for democracy may still be true. But these dumb hysterical movements are altogether too numerous to justify much complacency. There are too many of them and they come too frequently to be regarded as freakish and insignificant."

"This Chicago business is no more unique than was the Dayton business. What is happening in Chicago could happen here and in many other places. It has happened in many places, though perhaps a little less spectacularly, and apparently the intelligence of the community is disorganised and either too preoccupied or too indifferent or too lazy to assert itself against these barbarian raids."

A Dangerous Symptom.
"The kind of mentality now being exhibited in Chicago is a dangerous symptom of the condition of popular government. For here, brutally and unashamedly, we have a demagog rising to power by appealing to the very lowest prejudices of the people. We have the educational system of a great community treated with utter contempt. We have an indecent disregard for honest scholarship. We have greed and ambition masquerading as patriotism."

"How long can a popular government endure on a foundation of this kind?"

The "New Republic" gives the following explanation of "Big Bill's" campaign. It says:—

"One hundred per cent. American patriotism, like the other fundamentalisms, is feeding the effect of a growing inattention on the part of the public. It cannot live without presenting its protagonists with an enemy whom they can hate. For a while Germany served its purpose, and anybody who did not wish to destroy everything German was constructively anti-American."

"The next enemy was, of course, Bolshevism, and inasmuch as the majority of American patrioters still vindicate their love of country chiefly by seeking to purify it of anything but hatred and wrath for this pernicious heresy. Nevertheless, anti-Bolshevism is also becoming shop-worn, and the pug-nacious American is gravely in need of some more tangible and accessible stone on which to whet his patriotic sword."

The Turn of England.

"Why not England? The British Empire is the only great power, Japan possibly excepted, which is in a position seriously to damage or threaten the United States. Since 1921, the British admiralty has taken advantage of a defect in the naval agreement of that year to regain a part of its former supremacy at sea. The American patriotic tradition is accustomed to be more anti-English than anti-anything else."

"At a time like the present, when it is hard to find a political quarry with any popular appeal, it is probably inevitable that politicians here and there will try to capitalise the considerable fund of anti-English prejudice which still lingers somewhere in the minds of so many ordinary Americans."

"Ridiculous and offensive though it is, it is likely to remain for a long time a minor and occasional but troublesome note in American politics. It provides demagogues in the larger cities with a cheap and easy way of profiting by the popularity in the tenement districts of the exclusive upper classes. In all such American cities there is a climbing population of foreign birth or descent which is condemned to a position of social inferiority by the older inhabitants, and which is extremely sensitive about it."

"It is the equivalent in contemporary America of the class of semi-outcast frontiersmen who first occupied the new land and who, as they moved west, always carried with them a sense of class grievance. These people provide an audience for the demagogues who cannot rise to power except by ex-

TO SAVE A HOME.

FRENCH COUPLE TO CUT RED TAPE.

BUT LIVING TOGETHER.

The harshness of the Napoleonic laws relating to marriages in France has just been drawn attention to by a husband and wife belonging to a prominent French family, who have filed a suit for divorce—although happily married—in order to obtain sufficient money on which to live.

This old French law enacts that if a husband or wife brings real estate into a marriage contract, the property can neither be sold nor mortgaged except in the case of the death or divorce of the party which brings the property into the marriage settlement.

In this particular case the wife brought in property worth approximately \$75,000, but the rents accruing from the property are based on pre-war leases and payable in paper francs, and do not amount to sufficient money to support the couple.

The couple, after trying every method of obtaining money from the property, have decided to divorce, and they have stated that they will not re-marry, but will continue to live together.

GIRL STARTS WAR.

DESERT TRIBES FIGHT OVER SHEIKH'S BRIDE.

Paris, Nov. 30.
The young English girl who recently married a desert sheikh, in spite of the protest of the British Consul at Damascus, is the cause of a war in which 200 lives have already been lost.

The aged Emir Nouri el Chelan, furious that the custom of the tribe had been broken, went to war against his grandson, Gouz Chelan, to make him give up his infidel bride, states a message in the "Intransigent" to-night.

The young sheikh has refused, and has proclaimed her "Queen of the Desert." It is now war to the knife between the two relatives.

plotting class prejudices. They relish violent attacks on the well-to-do minority, usually of older British stock.

"When they applaud denunciations of King George, they are not, in many cases, expressing suspicion and hatred of the English. They are satisfying their grudge against the older established American, who are socially and intellectually much more intimate with the upper classes in England than they are with the lower classes in America."

"There is no more signal illustration," says the "Daily Telegraph," "of the need of improved understanding between the two peoples than this matter of the teaching of history, by which the patriotic apprehensions of Mr. Thompson have been aroused."

"It is true that in a number of cases in recent years American history text-books have been re-written in the sense of endeavouring to present a truthful account of what happened when the American Colonies declared their independence and secured it by force of arms, rather than preserving the historical legend in which George III. and all his subjects have so long figured as merciless oppressors and the colonists as a race of heroes without human blemish of any kind."

"In New York and other States, before Mr. Thompson took up the matter, fundamentalists of patriotism were calling for legislation making it a penal offence to tamper with that legend; and it may be long enough before we see the end of it and of its undeniable influence in the shaping of American mentality."

What We Teach.
"But what is realised by very few in the United States is that the history of the American Revolution is, and has long been, taught in all British schools as from the American point of view; that no attempt is made to disguise the ineptitude of the policy that forced the colonies to revolt; that full justice is done to the Americans' military achievement; and that Washington, in particular, is as much a hero in our eyes as in those of American patriots."

"Of the incultation of prejudice against the makers of the Revolution there is not the slightest trace in our text-books, and the whole subject is treated in such a way as to inspire respect and good feeling towards the people of the United States. These are plain facts, and they have hardly received enough attention from those in both countries who are working for the development of Anglo-American friendship."

"The teaching of that chapter of history in the schools is among the 'one or two things' which, as Sir Eme Howard suggests, may be found worthy of imitation in the United States."

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

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The whole of the Theatre Royal has been transformed into a large supper room, even the dress circle and the two top boxes being utilised. Around the dress circle are three rows of narrow specially built tables with chairs in front of them. In each box is a table with sitting accommodation for six. The body of the auditorium below is strewn with numerous tables with chairs for eight diners at each table, whilst on the stage, against a background of a pretty country scene with a Church in the distance is arranged the principal table in the shape of a horse shoe. On the stage is a profusion of flower plants in pots which make the scene very pretty. The decoration of the walls in the auditorium had not been started, but it will follow the general outlines of the decoration of the rest of the building.

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In the course of a vigorous protest against the people of Australia, and especially New South Wales, seeking to popularise jazz at the expense of the good and wholesome music of the beloved old masters of present and past ages, Mr. Barnett, the music adjudicator at the Grafton Elstideddod, said that, in the present days of jazz and jangle, festivals of merit were the true factors which kept music before the people. They often heard of classical music, folk music, and romantic music, but there were only two kinds of music—good and bad. Jazz had its place in the world, said Mr. Barnett, but it would not be right to call it music. It was but an episode in the life of the people, and when it had passed out the true music would live on.

If they wanted things to be alive in music, art, and literature, said Mr. W. S. Reay, an adjudicator, who accompanied Mr. Barnett to Grafton, they had to get the seeds implanted in the young people. It would be a good thing to have gramophones in public schools, he said. Suitable records could be obtained and then the children, in addition, could be taught something about themes and composers so that they could become interested in music. A love for art, and literature also, must be implanted in the youthful heart. That was why Elstideddod were fine educational agencies. Education was not merely a matter of learning for the purpose of earning one's living, but it should help a people to live fully. Then when one had to give up his occupation he need not come to a dead end, but could live over again at leisure. English literature was one of the finest influences in the world to-day, concluded Mr. Reay. People were discussing methods of education. Let then take Shakespeare, for instance. How often a child was required to stew over dissecting his works and lost all interest in them after leaving school.

JAZZ A RELIGION?

Is jazz a religion? "The all-white war is over, long live the colour war!" This is a question asked in a spirited article on "Jazz—the Black Peril," published in "Musical Magazine." "A few years ago," said the article, "in the general delirium we accused our late enemies, the Germans, of seeking to impress a system of 'Teutonic Kultur' upon Western Europe by force of arms. A coloured race is now vindicating its good sense by cajoling us, without violence, into adopting a negro culture which possesses its devotees with such intensity as to partake of the nature of a religion. Until recently the United States had been content to import their spiritual food from dreamy Europe, paying for it in petrol, safety razors, and tractors; but their Samboes have changed all that. Years of civil war were needed to induce the Americans to free their negroes, but Nemeses avenges the oppressed, and time held a satiric revenge in store for those dark-skinned helots, for have they not imposed their music upon the American continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific, enslaving their whilom masters? And has not America, from being the Maecenas of the arts among the nations, and the largest importer of the fruits of the European mind—has she not, in her turn, heard the voice and become spiritual 'producer' and exporter of a black art on a scale unparalleled in history? If I were asked what religion was now common to white races all the world over I should be tempted to say 'Jazz!' And if this unifying of the worship of white people be not a phenomenon in the spiritual history of the world, then I am no philosopher. And this marvel has been wrought by black magic. A coloured race has led us rejoicing to the coloured shrine."

ABOUT A NUN.

LESSON IN HUMILITY IN A
PLAY.

"Anmer Hall" the rich patron of the strand theatre who staged "The Cradle Song" presented "The Kingdom of God," by the same Spanish author G. Martinez Sierra and written no doubt as a tribute to the devotion of those women who give themselves to God.

The leading character is a sister of charity seen at the age of eighteen in an asylum for nasty old men, ten years later in a home for fallen women, sullen and rebellious and forty years later, in an orphanage where the foundlings are almost in revolt over the quality of their food. She teaches them all a lesson of humility.

Dignity. Gillian Scaife, who made a reputation in "The Cradle Song" plays this part with dignity and impressiveness. She is too old, though, for the first act, which is dull and clumsy, and her part loses in strength, because it is too much a background.

It was a long cast of varying ability. The three scenes were admirably staged, and the play was very well received.

Much of its dialogue, though, is artless. Only now and then does it rise to real dignity.

One scene, in which an ex-foundling, now a bull-fighter brings home the ear of a bull he has killed and throws it on the Mother Superior's lap is merely nasty.

A FILM ROMANCE.

OUTLINE OF SCIENCE BY
BRITONS.

A British scientist Professor A. M. Low, in collaboration with Mr. Ivor Halstead, a London journalist, is, it is stated, preparing the scenario of a film romance which, whilst containing a thrilling story of adventure, intrigue, love, and hate, is to embody an outline of science. The scheme has been slowly forming for some months past. The story deals with a group of characters who, living in the year 2040, are enabled by the use of a time-annihilating instrument to view the whole sweep of universal history from the formation of the planetary system, through the slow evolution of living creatures on the earth, the coming of man, and the rise and fall of the great civilisations in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome, culminating in a devastating world war some time in the 20th century, A.D., wherein scientific skill as we know it to-day combines to arm the opposing forces with chemicals, aircraft, and deadly bacteria. One of the central ideas of the film is stated to be a combination of the romance of courtship with the romance of universal forces.

MISS NUTHALL.

Miss Betty Nuthall will make her debut as a film actress at an early date. Mrs. Nuthall said that a contract had been signed for her daughter to appear in a British film which will be adapted from a play which has been staged in London.

Exhaustive screen tests have been undergone by Miss Nuthall during the past few days, and the results were so satisfactory that the tennis champion was immediately offered a contract as a film actress.

"Miss Nuthall will play the part of an open-air girl, and work on the film should begin within the next few weeks," said Mr. Frank Zellin, who has conducted the negotiations.

"I cannot divulge the title of the film at present. It will be entirely British and will be made at a studio near London." Miss Nuthall has secured a good contract, and has a wonderful opportunity.

Miss Nuthall is enthusiastic about her adventure as a film actress. "I feel sure it is going to be great fun," she said. "I am told that my film tests were good, and I am looking forward eagerly to my first effort as a film actress."

FILM OF CHRIST.

L.C.C. OVERRIDE THE
CENSORS.

The greatest sensation in the history of the cinema has been caused by the decision of the London County Council to permit the exhibition in London of the religious film, "The King of Kings," in which Christ is depicted.

It has been hitherto a strict rule of the British Board of Film Censors that the materialised figure of Christ shall not be shown in any cinema theatre.

The film "The King of Kings," however, has been licensed by the London County Council authorities after a private view behind bolted doors during which, it is stated, women cried and men ceased smoking because of the spiritual impulses provoked by the film.

"I.N.R.I." the German film of the life of Christ and "From Manger to Cross," the famous Kalem picture both of which produce an impersonation of Christ, have been shown throughout the country by permission of local authorities, who can override the decision of the Board of Censors when films are shown elsewhere than in ordinary cinemas.

Theatres' Position.

The position as far as cinema theatres is concerned is that no film can be shown without the censors' certificate and the censors have a ruling that the figure of Christ must not be shown. The private exhibition of the film "The King of Kings" before the London County Council and Middlesex County Council was conducted under the utmost secrecy. The Middlesex County Council had not agreed, to its exhibition but the London County Council had authorised the showing of the film.

Mr. George Smith of the Producer's Distributing Company stated that he had not yet decided where the picture would be shown. It has been suggested that the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, will be the place.

SCREENINGS.

With his cast only partially complete, Douglas MacLean started filming "Soft Cushions," the comedy novelty which he is producing for Paramount. Three important roles have been assigned to date. Sue Carol, MacLean's "discovery" whom he recently placed under long-term contract, will play opposite the comedian. Frank Leigh and Russell Powell won the coveted role of the comedian's boon companions in the story.

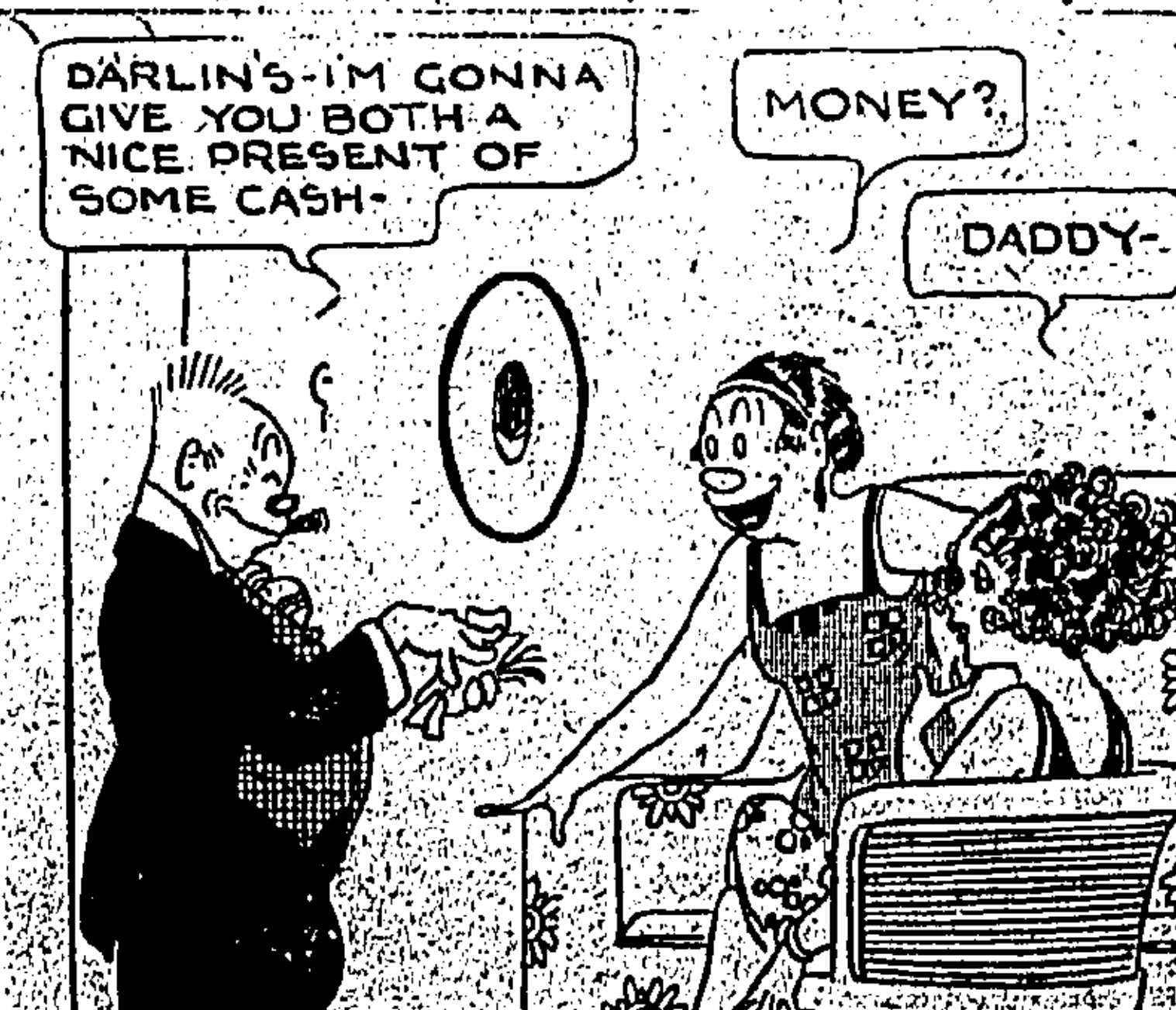
A very beautiful young Russian actress, named Vera Voronina, recently placed under contract by Paramount, escaped but three short years ago from a Moscow firing squad to the safety of Vienna. Penniless, this aristocratic young Russian worked her way up from a cabaret entertainer to one of the most promising young women in motion pictures to-day.

Bert Lytell is known among his intimates as a great practical joker, and whenever the debonaire Mr. Lytell is in the vicinity he is watched rather closely. It was during the filming of the Master Picture, "That Model From Paris" that he was able to elude the vigilance of his fellow actors and play a practical joke on the four members of the cast during a scene where Marceline Day, Eileen Percy, Crauford Kent, and Ward Crane are drinking a supposed cocktail, concocted by the butler, George Kuwa, Lytell, unobserved, mixed the ginger ale with bicarbonate of soda, and went off on the side to watch the effects of the drink. The joke was a success as far as Bert was concerned, for the faces of the four players after drinking the concoction showed very plainly that it had not the taste of nectar. The scene had to be reshot, with Lytell making himself scarce.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

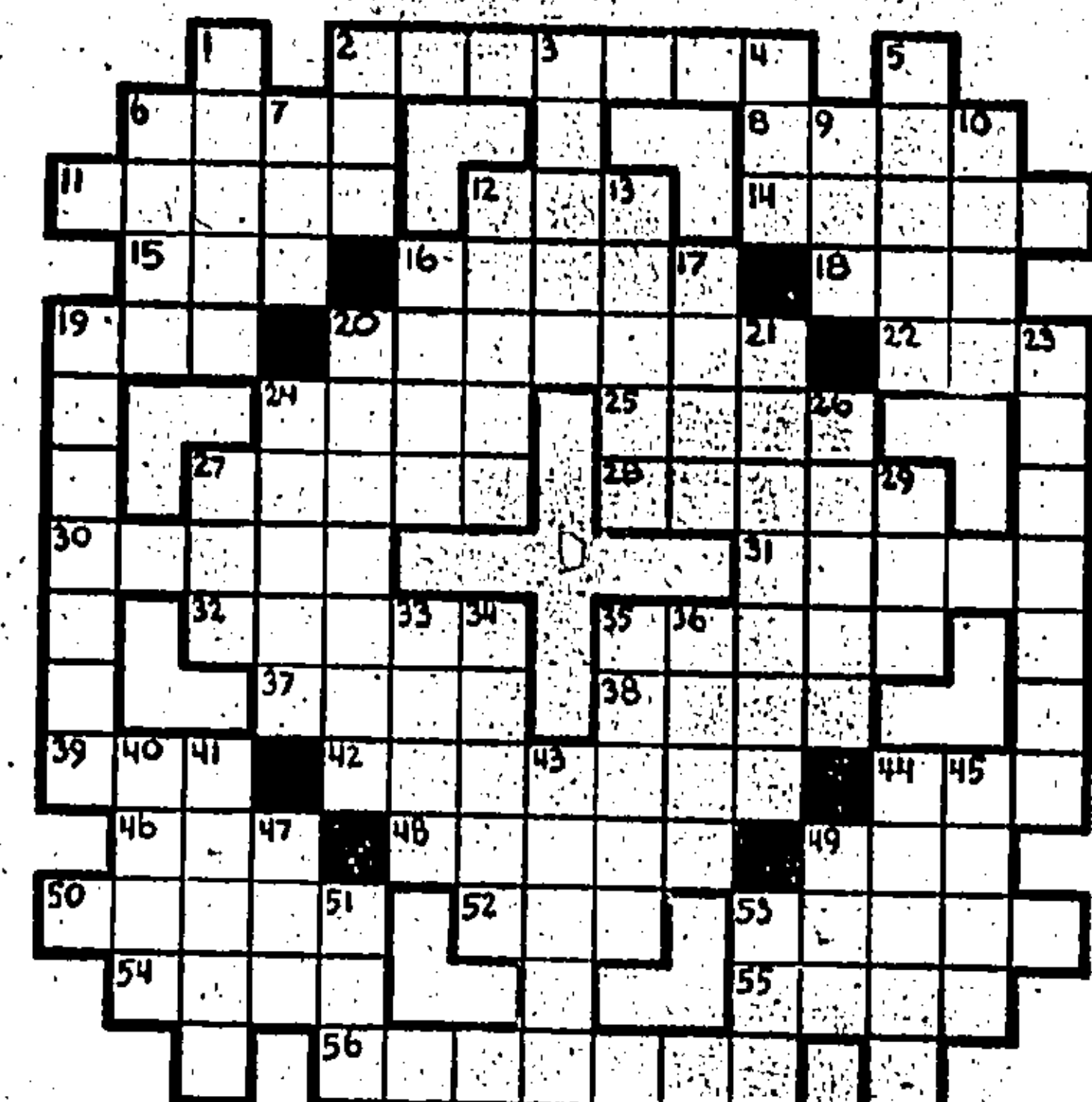
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(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



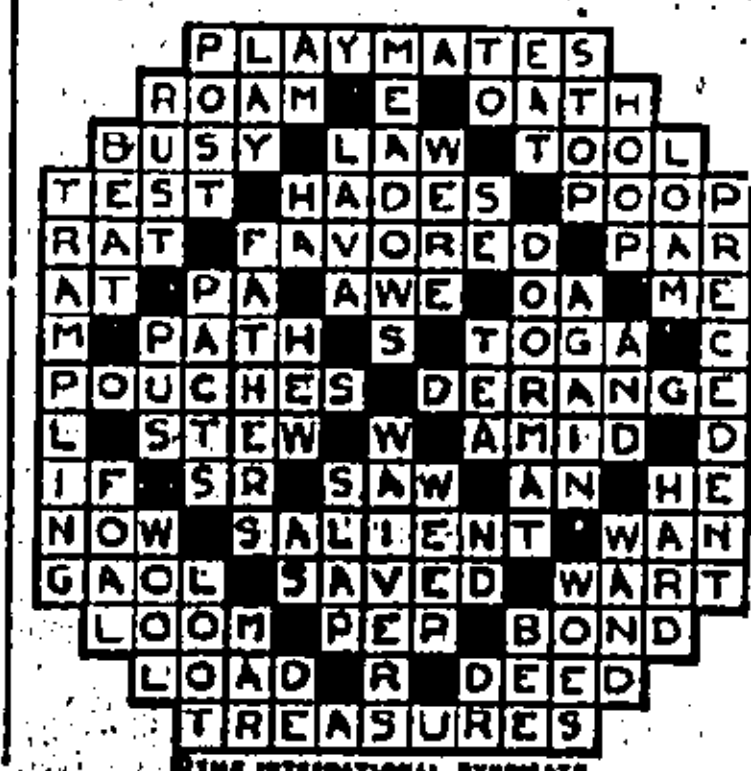
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| <p>HORIZONTAL</p> <p>2—Large house
6—Bewilderment
8—Place for baking
11—What artist is famed for landscapes?
12—Habitual drunkard
14—Famous English philosopher
15—In addition
16—Strokes
18—Prefix meaning "not"
19—What is a state prison sometimes called?
20—Sowing
22—Opposed to no
24—Apportion
25—Place in classes
27—Brag
28—Sharp pinch
29—Am to, or are to
31—Similar
32—Elevate
35—What animal is called "buffalo"?
37—Decays
38—What is the world's most famous garden?
39—Il-tired fellow</p> | <p>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</p> <p>42—Inhabitants of any country
44—Line of light
46—Guided
48—Tiresome persons
49—Disparately crowd
50—A pacing horse
52—Intimate friend
53—Military wind instrument
54—Mentally sound
56—Intermittent fever
58—Blotted out</p> <p>VERTICAL</p> <p>1—What English peer is next below a viscount?
2—Confronted
3—Ceased to move
4—The head (humorous)
5—Lure
6—Very small particle
7—Prefix meaning "animal"
9—Covered wagon
10—Not any
12—Rain mingled with snow
13—What was the last name of Dickens' most famous boy character?
14—Defective</p> | <p>VERTICAL (Cont.)</p> <p>15—Vagans
17—Frozen particles of vapor
19—Capable of being moulded
20—A large seat
21—Animal tale
23—Having streaks
24—Double tooth
26—Claw of bird of prey
27—Exclude
28—Relative by blood
29—Place with a weapon
34—Bar
35—Instrument used for drawing angles
36—What part of March was Caesar told to beware?
40—Exclamation expressive of unhappiness
41—Rot
43—Wrathful
44—Dishevelled person
46—Possessed of power
47—Lure
48—Earthenware vessel
51—A primary color
53—Defective</p> |
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SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



education in the hard school of practical experience, having been soldier of fortune, soldier, sailor, lumberjack, miner, cowpuncher, locomotive fireman, commercial traveller, and Indian agent.

Tom Mix himself took charge of one of the difficult tasks encountered in the production of "The Outlaws of Red River," his latest Fox Films drama, in which he has the role of a Texas ranger. It was necessary for the rangers to drag a coach to the top of a hill and let it crash into the outlaws' stockade. Mix solved the problem, and took the vehicle up the steep incline, with Tony leading the horsemen in the difficult task. The camera caught all this, and in addition a lot of the most beautiful California scenery as a background. Marjorie Daw has the leading feminine role. Among the cast are Francis McDonald, Arthur Clayton, Duke Lee, William Conklin, Virginia Marshall, and Jimmy Downs.



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CHEQUERED CAREER.

We regret to announce that Mr. C. F. G. Masterman, died on November 17 in a London nursing home from heart failure, following pneumonia, at the age of 54. He had been ill for some weeks, but the end came somewhat suddenly.

Two sermons might be preached on the death of the Right Honourable Charles Frederick Gurney Masterman, as he was known to the world, or "Charley" Masterman, as he was known to troops of friends.

The first would deal with him as a melancholy example of the precariousness of the political career. The second would lay stress on the triumph of high courage and brilliant ability over adverse circumstances.

I suppose there is no instance in modern political life of early promise so splendid, so cruelly extinguished by sheer hard luck. Charles Masterman entered Parliament on the crest of the great Liberal wave of 1906. He was immediately successful, and his success was the reward of sheer merit. He had the faith and enthusiasm of youth. He had more than the knowledge and capacity usually co-existing with youth. He had written brilliantly. He was the darling of Left Wing Liberalism. His generous idealism appealed to one set of admirers. His obvious practical faculty commended itself to another. He was marked as one who must inevitably reach a high position in politics, and quite possibly the highest.

Rapid Promotion.

He quickly won the favour of Mr. Lloyd George, but his brilliant academic attainments—he had been something of a prodigy at Cambridge—also gained him the confidence and liking of Mr. Lloyd George's chief. In such circumstances promotion was rapid. At thirty-six he was Under-Secretary for the Home Office, at thirty-nine Financial Secretary to the Treasury—a post always regarded as carrying the reversion to Cabinet rank.

In both offices Mr. Masterman made his mark. During several years of exceptional activity and stress—during the years of the Budget controversy, the Parliament Bill, and the Insurance Act—he was probably more often called upon than any junior member of the Liberal Administration to justify its course and deal with its antagonists. The first Cabinet vacancy was evidently his.

The vacancy came in 1914, and Mr. Masterman was offered and accepted the Chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster. Then began the misfortunes which dogged relentlessly the remainder of his political career. He was defeated on standing for re-election for South-West Bethnal Green. Another chance of a seat came at Ipswich, and he again failed. The outbreak of the war found him still outside the House of Commons.

The formation of the Coalition confirmed his downfall. Liberal Ministers had to be shed wholesale to make room for Conservatives; and Masterman, apart from his electoral bad luck, suffered an additional handicap. He was punished for his precocious eminence. He had been in the forefront of the battle on half-a-dozen issues which had most roused political feeling. He had been the most prominent of Mr. Lloyd George's lieutenants in the most furious of the controversies associated with the name of that statesman. The sentence of exclusion was passed upon him, and during the whole period of the war he was engaged on work, in the propaganda department, which, however useful it might be, was appropriate to abilities less remarkable.

His Influence With "L. G."

Yet he, more than any other person, was the deciding factor that brought Mr. Lloyd George to the majority in the Cabinet of 1914. His influence, exercised on the other side, would no doubt have been final. Exercised as it was, it secured a practically united Ministry, with a minimum of resignations.

But for Masterman himself the war was fatal. He went under in the massacre of the Liberals in 1918. In 1923 he came back, and for a year his personality was dominant in the Liberal side. It

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looked almost as if a career of some sort, a career of leadership if not of office, was before him. But in 1924 his ill-luck reasserted itself. He lost his seat at Manchester. His Party from a section was reduced to a fragment.

But though his hopes were blotted out for ever, he remained gallantly true to his convictions, and while other back-bench Liberals were "ratting" to the Socialists, he resolutely closed his eyes to all that might have been gained by a timely conversion.

He was adding to his already high reputation as one of the few political writers worth reading, and second even to be moving towards a power and influence different in form, but actually greater than that which he wielded as a Minister, when death came.

I should say that Masterman had in rich measure almost any gift necessary to the political life, and that he would, if Fortune had been kinder, have risen to almost any heights.

A Fatal Unanswered Letter.

He had perhaps only one notable drawback, and that was a distaste for the laborious routine which is the lot of every member of Parliament. It would scarcely be an exaggeration to say that he lost his seat in East London through his reluctance to answer a letter. Every member of Parliament is compelled to give attention to various detailed matters arising in his own constituency, and a mass of correspondence is inevitable. Mr. Masterman avoided this labour whenever possible. Eventually Mrs. Masterman—a Lyttelton, with all the Lyttelton qualities—who gave him the most devoted assistance throughout his career, took over the correspondence side of his work, attending to it with a systematic care that could not have been surpassed.

Mr. Masterman acted as adviser to Lord Oxford and Asquith when the latter was leader of the Wee Frees in the Coalition. Later he transferred his allegiance to Mr. Lloyd George, and frequently acted in much the same capacity. It might be argued, however, that he was in no way inconsistent in this respect; he was opposed to Mr. Lloyd George while the Coalition lasted, and gave him all possible support when he again became associated with Left Wing Liberalism.

A Liberal colleague points out that Mr. Masterman always took a great interest in Church matters. One of his early publications was a volume, "Tennyson as a Religious Teacher," published in 1889. One of his brothers is the Rt. Rev. John Howard Bertram Masterman, who has been Suffragan Bishop of Plymouth since 1922.—"Evening Standard."

Colonel Sir J. W. Fringle, Ministry of Transport, reporting on the collision between two District electric trains at Wimbledon, S.W., on June 27, places the responsibility on a motorman, holding that no clear signal had been given for the outgoing trains to start.

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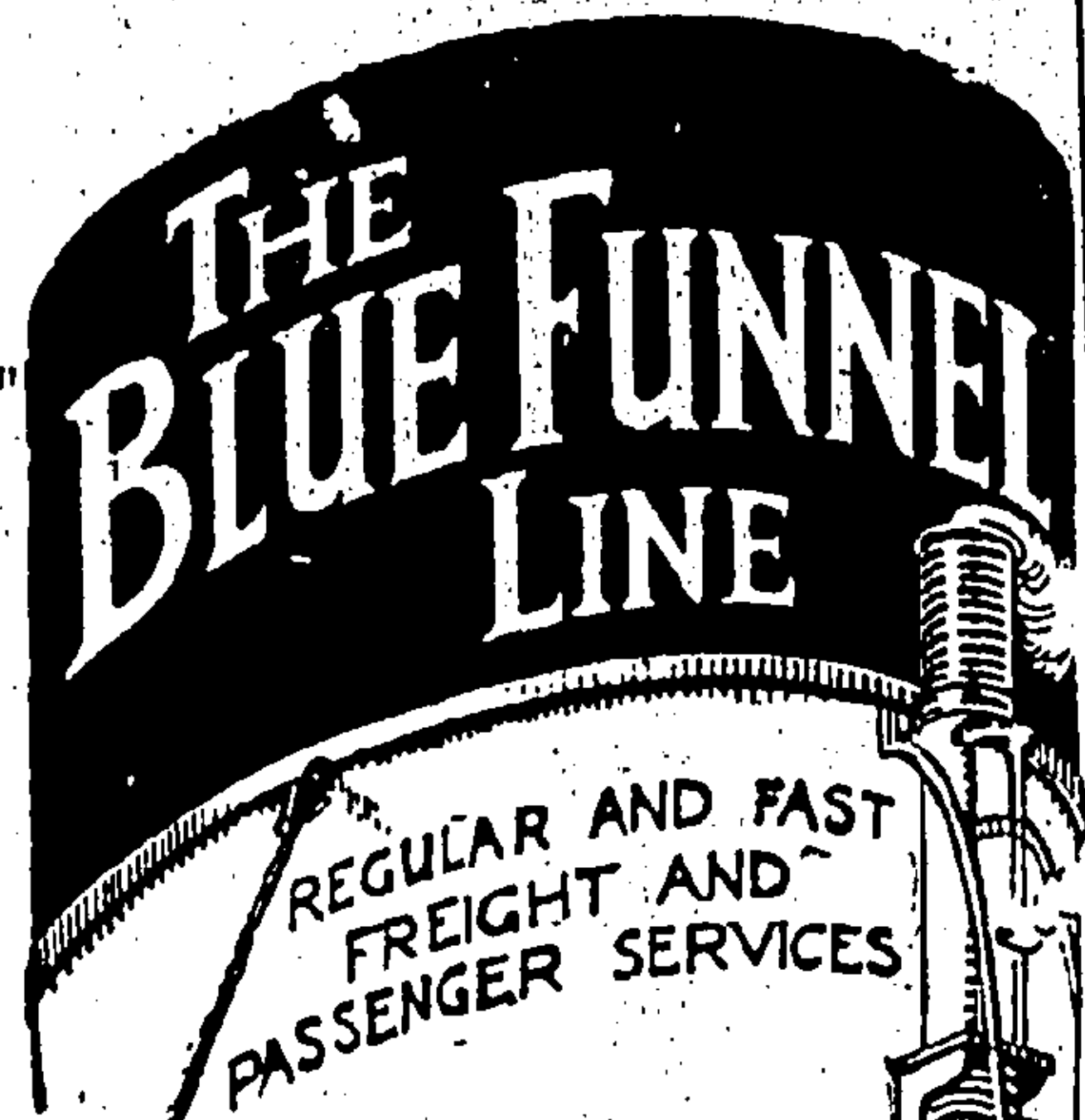
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	SUNDAY, JANUARY 8	Taiyo Maru.
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For	Per	
Samshui & Wuchow	FRIDAY, JANUARY 6	Sam On 4 p.m.
Formosa		Albert Vogler 4.30 p.m.
Saigon		Phum Penh 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard		Wing Wo 5 p.m.
Ninhchow & Bangkok		Bintang 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 3rd Feb., 1928. K.P.O.:—Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (7th Jan.) 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. G.P.O.:—Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (7th Jan.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		
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Amoy		Antung 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow & Haiphong	SUNDAY, JANUARY 8	Song Bo 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow		Kwangchow 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong		Linan 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	MONDAY, JANUARY 9	Kaijo Maru 9 a.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		Szechuen 8.30 a.m.
Swatow		Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Amoy		Namang 5 p.m.
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Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & "Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 30th Jan. & "Europe via Siberia. Parcels 8 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		
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BANDIT ASSASSIN.

"Wild Beast of the Mountain."

A REBEL'S WAYS.

Nicaraguan Chief Founds A Republic.

Managua, Yesterday.
The "rebel" chief, Sandino, against whom American Marines are proceeding, was one of the leaders of the Liberal Army until the latter laid down their arms in accordance with the agreement reached with President Coolidge's envoy, Mr. Henry Stimson.
Sandino, however, refused to surrender and gathered his standard around all dissatisfied with the settlement. He founded the little Republic of Nueva, in the Segovia district, on the border of Honduras, seized American mines, levied taxes, and coined money in the name of the Republic.
He established the most rigid prohibition regime, under which a man caught selling intoxicants was shot.
Even members of his own party call him a bandit assassin, while Sandino styles himself the "Wild Beast of the Mountain."—Reuter's American Service.

Five Hundred Infantry For Service.
New York, Yesterday.
Three infantry companies, together with machine gun and howitzer detachments, totalling altogether five hundred men, have been ordered for service in Nicaragua and are sailing not later than the 9th inst.—Reuter's American Service.

TRADE UNIONS HIT.

HEAVIEST OUTLAY IN DISPUTE PAY.

GENERAL STRIKE EFFECTS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies of Trade Unions for the year 1926 shows a further decrease of \$300,000 in membership and, owing to the general strike, the heaviest expenditure in dispute pay ever experienced.
The funds were reduced from \$12,750,000 to \$8,750,000.
In only one other year have the Trade Unions suffered such great inroads on their funds, and that was in 1921, when they disbursed \$7,000,000 in unemployment pay.—British Wireless Service.

AIR FEDERATION.

DECISION ON SCHNEIDER TROPHY.

NO RACE THIS YEAR.

Paris, Yesterday.
The International Aeronautic Federation, on British initiative, has decided that the Schneider Trophy race will be held every two years instead of every year. There will be no race in 1928.
The Federation awarded Captain Lindbergh the gold medal for aviation for 1927.
It also decided that the Gordon-Bennett balloon race will be held in Detroit on June 30.—Reuter.

MEXICAN PLOT.

ARREST OF SIX ALLEGED RINGLEADERS.

EXILES BLAMED.

Mexico City, Yesterday.
Six men have been arrested as the alleged ringleaders of a plot to create a revolution during the present month in co-operation with groups in the State of Jalisco.
According to the Government the conspiracy was directed by Mexican exiles in the United States, whence arms for the revolts were smuggled into Mexico.—Reuter's American Service.

WAR DEBTS.

AMERICA NOT TO CONVENE CONFERENCE.

A REPORT DENIED.

Washington, Yesterday.
The Treasury describes as erroneous and without foundation a report by the "Journal of Commerce" that the American Government contemplates calling an international conference to discuss the complete revision of the Dawes Scheme and all inter-Alied debts.—Reuter's American Service.

WAR OUTLAWED.

Instructions to French Ambassador.

PRESS COMMENTS.

Hint To America To Join The League.

Paris, Yesterday.
Instructions have been sent to the French Ambassador in Washington to enable him to reply to Mr. F. B. Kellogg's letter in regard to the ban against war.—Reuter.

Britain Informed.
London, Yesterday.
The United States Government has informed Great Britain of the contents of Mr. Kellogg's Note to France in regard to the proposal to renounce war, but Great Britain has not been asked for an expression of opinion.—Reuter.

Proposals Analysed.
London, Yesterday.
British commentators display little beyond an academic interest in the present stage of Mr. Kellogg's multi-lateral treaty proposals, though the event provokes extensive analysis.

The "Daily Telegraph" asks in what way the proposals may be regarded as an improvement upon the unanimous declaration of the last League Assembly prohibiting wars of aggression and ordaining every pacific means to be employed to settle disputes.

The "Daily News" says that the United States will increase the force of the pacific urge by joining the League instead of remaining outside and calling on the League members to repeat a creed to which only perfunctory lip service has been demanded.

The "Morning Post" applauds the intention but does not hope for a practical result because "we all have our little reservations and our Nicaraguas, our Monroe doctrines disturbing the completeness of the symmetry of all universal schemes to make war impossible."

The "Daily Express" says that unlike the sardonic impishness of the Russians the disarmament gesture of Mr. Kellogg is noble and the objective of which admits of discussion.

The "Daily Chronicle" says that Mr. Kellogg's treaties offer a plan whereby the United States might co-operate closer in the League's efforts.

The "Westminster Gazette" says the new fact means no more than America's endorsement of the resolution of the last Assembly, but that it is welcome to have the endorsement formally attested.—Reuter.

French Comment.
Paris, Yesterday.
Generally, the opinion is expressed that a prolonged and careful examination must precede French assent of Mr. Kellogg's suggestion of an international anti-war treaty.

"Le Journal" considers that the adoption thereof will indirectly result in torpedoing the League.
"Le Matin" does not see how under such a treaty the United States could refuse her good offices for the maintenance of peace if war broke out involving one of the signatories.

"L'Ouvre" declares that, however anxious Mr. Briand is to proclaim Franco-American friendship, he should not allow the Geneva charter to be prejudiced.—Reuter.

GREAT AIRSHIP.

TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC IN 48 HOURS.

DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT.

Rugby, Yesterday.
After undergoing some tests, the new airship will probably make a demonstration flight across the Atlantic and Commander Burney, M.P., will next week call for America where he will discuss plans for further operations of airships.
It is suggested that the ship, which will be the largest in the world, should carry passengers across the Atlantic, the journey occupying 48 hours and the fare being approximately £120.

The ship is 700 feet long and is to be driven by engines developing a total of 4,200 horse-power. She will have accommodation for 100 passengers and a crew of 50.—British Wireless Service.

"DARKEST" NO MORE.

Railway Development in Africa.

IMPORTANT EXTENSION.

Uganda's Large Cotton Areas To Benefit.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Colonial Office announces that the Tororo-Mbulamuti-Jinja extension of the Kenya and Uganda Railway will be opened to traffic on Wednesday next, and the large cotton producing areas of Uganda will thus be provided with direct railway outlet to the coast.

Hitherto communications from Uganda to the sea have been by way of steamer from one of the Lake Victoria ports and Kisumu, the former terminus of the Uganda Railway.

The new line, which has been constructed from the loan of £3,500,000 voted by Parliament in 1924, runs from Mbulamuti on a short line running from Jinja, on Lake Victoria, to Namagall, on Lake Kirga—through one of the main cotton-producing areas to Tororo, near the Kenya border. The line then passes across the north of the Javironda district of Kenya and, joining the Usin-Gishu Railway, connects with the old main line at Nakuru.
Mbulamuti is on the bank of Victoria, Nile, and is 106 miles from the Kenya-Uganda border.—British Wireless Service.

FLOODS AT HOME.

SITUATION IN MANY PARTS SERIOUS.

HARDSHIPS OF RESIDENTS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Many rivers which have overflowed their banks are now subsiding and yesterday there was a marked fall in the levels of the rivers with cases of hardships of residents in towns along their banks.

The situation in many parts is, however, still serious. In the valley of the Thames the crest of the floods have not yet reached the lower areas and the wide expanse under water was further extended last night. At the nearer sources of the river, however, the levels have fallen and unless there is a further heavy thaw in the Cotswolds or heavy rains are experienced a continued improvement may now be looked for.

Between Reading and Maidenhead the width of the Thames varies from a few hundred yards to a width of two miles in some of the lower reaches.—British Wireless Service.

BERLIN EXPLOSION.

SEVEN DEAD AND NUMBER MISSING.

FOURTEEN IN HOSPITAL.

Berlin, Yesterday.
Three corpses and 17 injured persons have been extricated from the wreckage.—Reuter.
Berlin, Later.
Seven are dead and 14 in hospital, while a number are missing. The house is believed to have been destroyed owing to a defective gaspipe.
The explosion created a local panic, hundreds rushing into the streets in their sleeping attire.—Reuter.

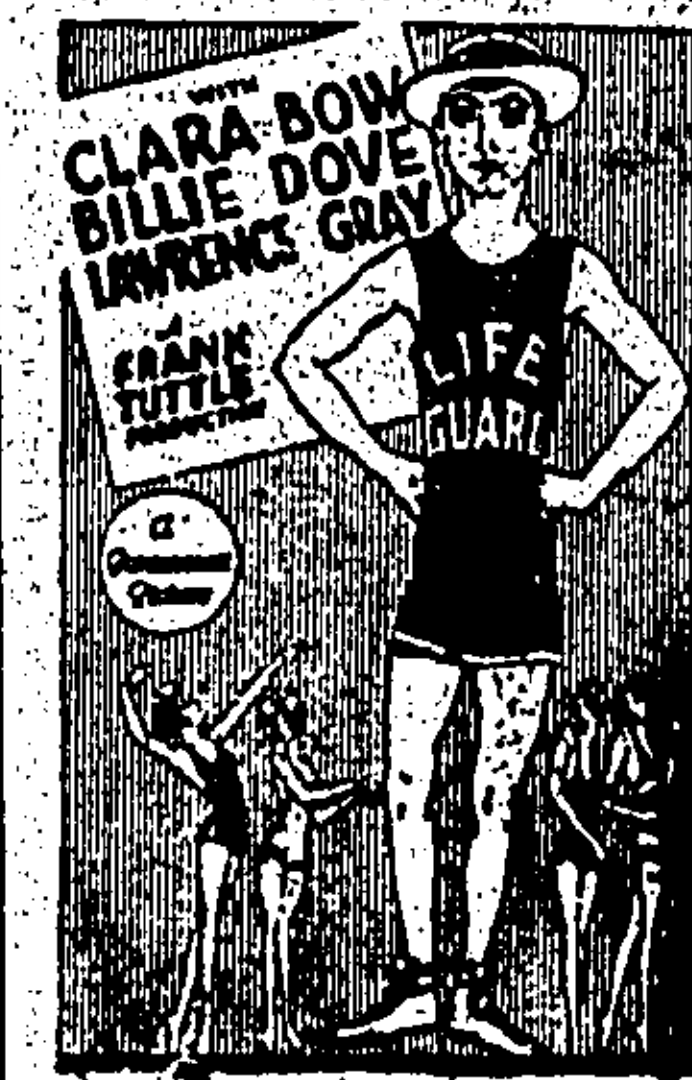
[A Berlin cable published yesterday stated: A terrific explosion in North Berlin wrecked a house, the inmates of which were in bed at the time. Half the building collapsed and a fire, which is still raging, broke out. Ten badly-injured inmates have so far been recovered, but it is feared that there are many dead.]

GREEK MINISTER.

VISIT TO SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Mr. Cafandaris, the Greek Finance Minister, was received at the Foreign Office this morning by Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary.

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